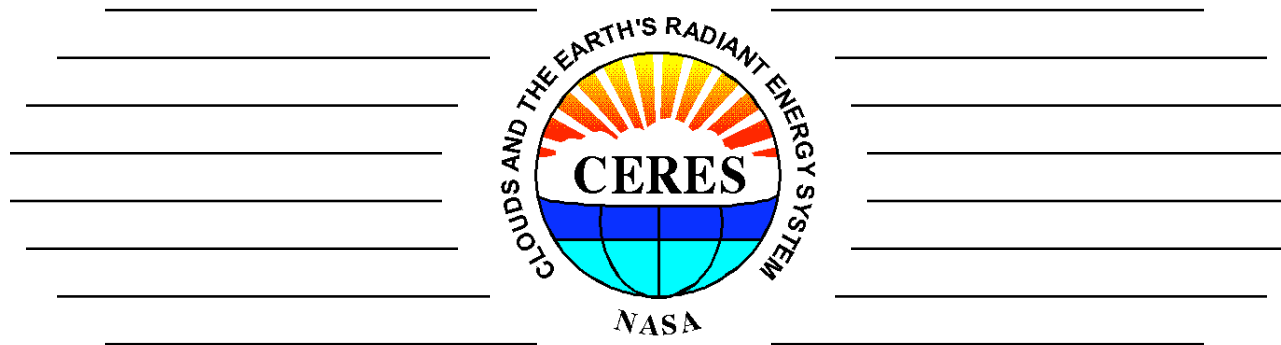


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OCTOBER						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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Instrument Operations

NOVEMBER						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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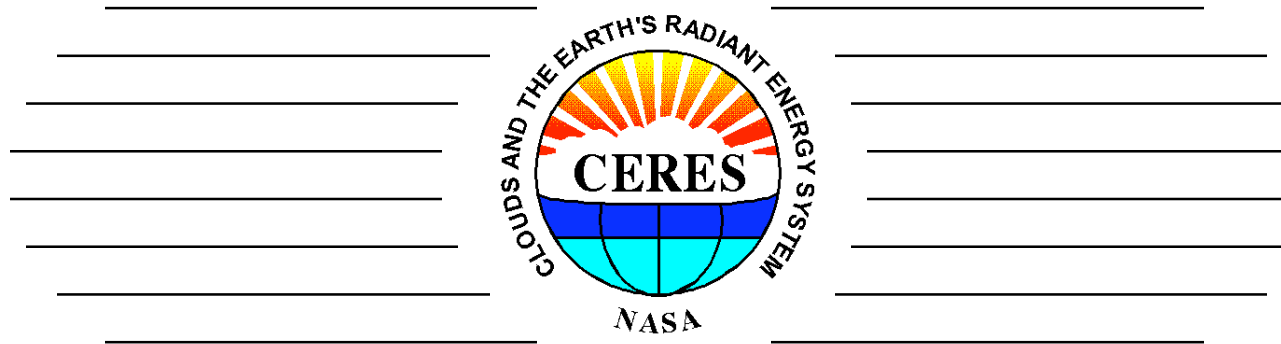
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BDS and ERBE-Like Product Status

Spacecraft	Product	Version	Available	Months Processed
Terra	BDS	Edition1	Yes	2/00 - present
		Edition2	Yes	2/00 - 6/03
	ERBE-like	Edition1	Yes	2/00 - present
		Edition2	Yes	2/00 - 6/03
Aqua	BDS	Edition1	Yes	6/02 - present
		Edition2	1/04	6/02 - present
	ERBE-like	Edition1	Yes	7/02 - present
		Edition2	1/04	7/02 - present

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Edition2 BDS and ERBE-Like Products: Drift Removal Methodology

Drifts are modeled as originating from either of 2 physical entities.....

- **Radiometric Gain Change**
 - **Wavelength independent change in sensor responsivity**
 - **Corrections implemented in Count Conversion algorithm (SS1)**
- **Spectral Response Change**
 -  **Wavelength dependent change in sensor absorptivity**
 -  **Corrections implemented in Spectral Unfiltering algorithms (SS2)**
- **Updated Radiometric Gains and Spectral Response Functions will be generated on a monthly basis and will be implemented on either a daily (Gains) or monthly (Spectral) interpolated basis.**

Instrument Group has delivered corrections for the first 34 months of Terra data. Testing is still occurring for Jan-03 to present.

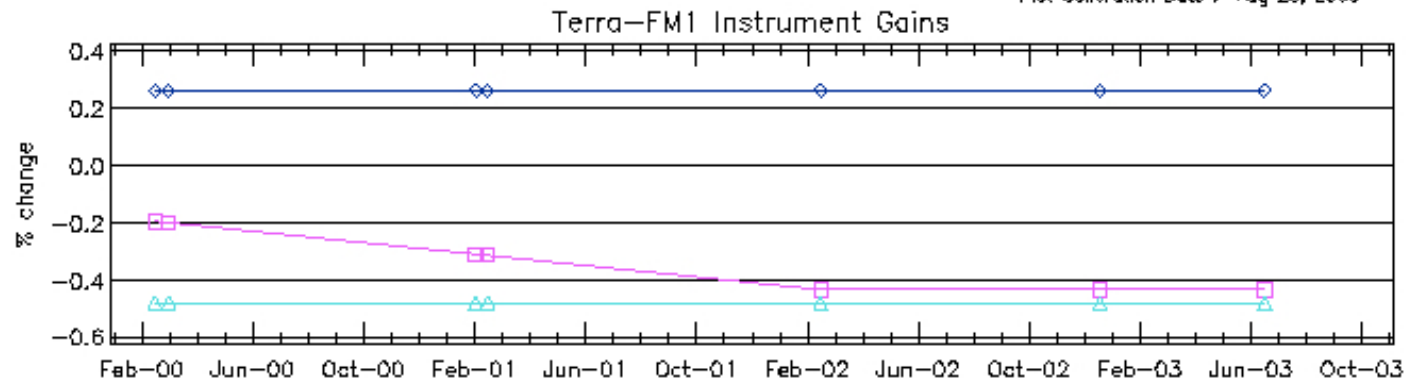
Terra BDS Edition 2 Changes

By Channel and Date

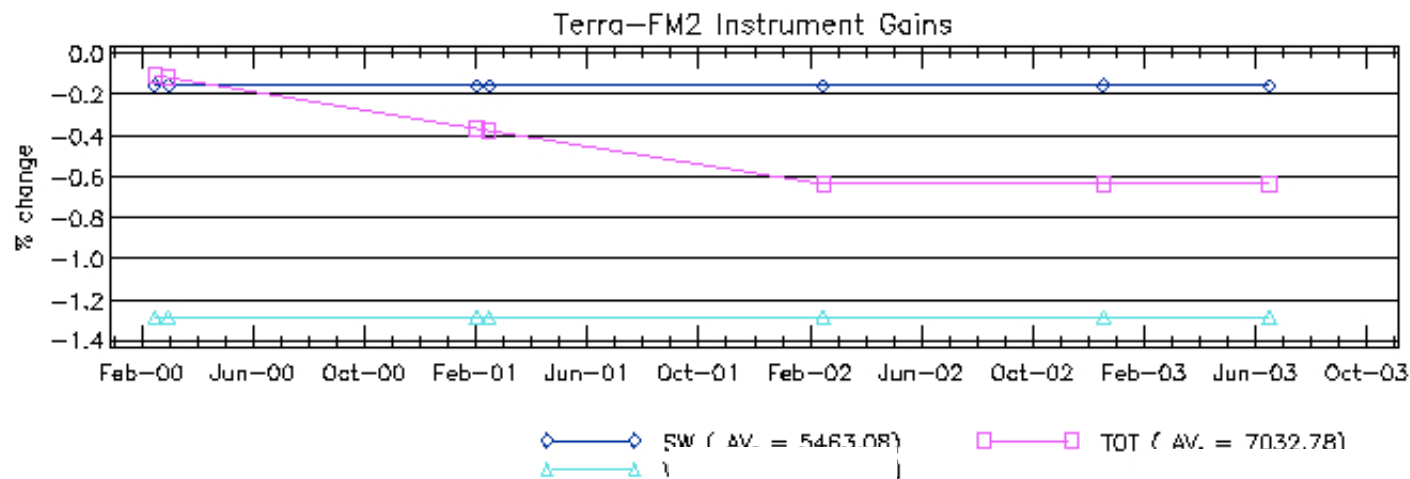
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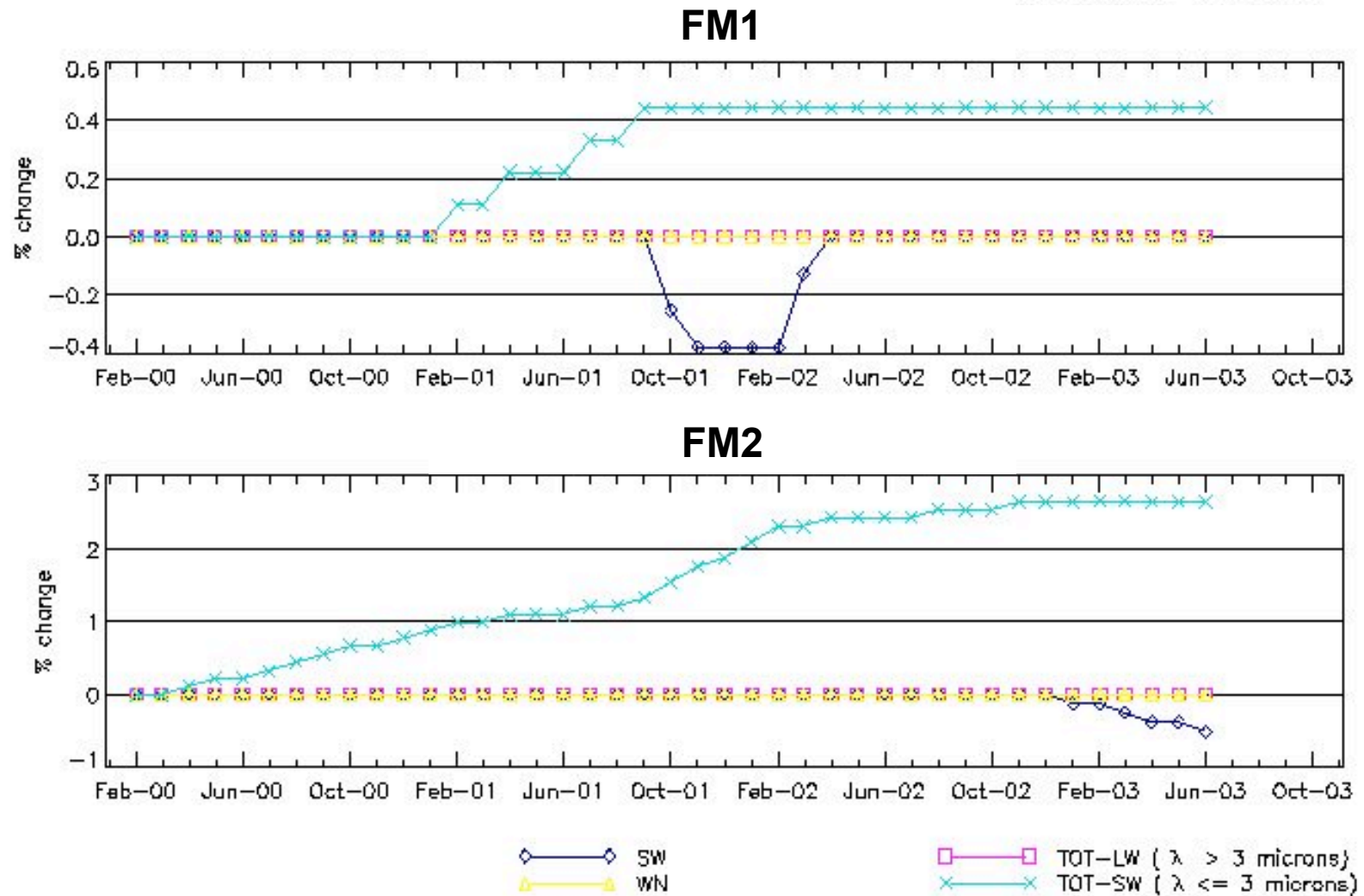


Normalized to Ground Calibration Data



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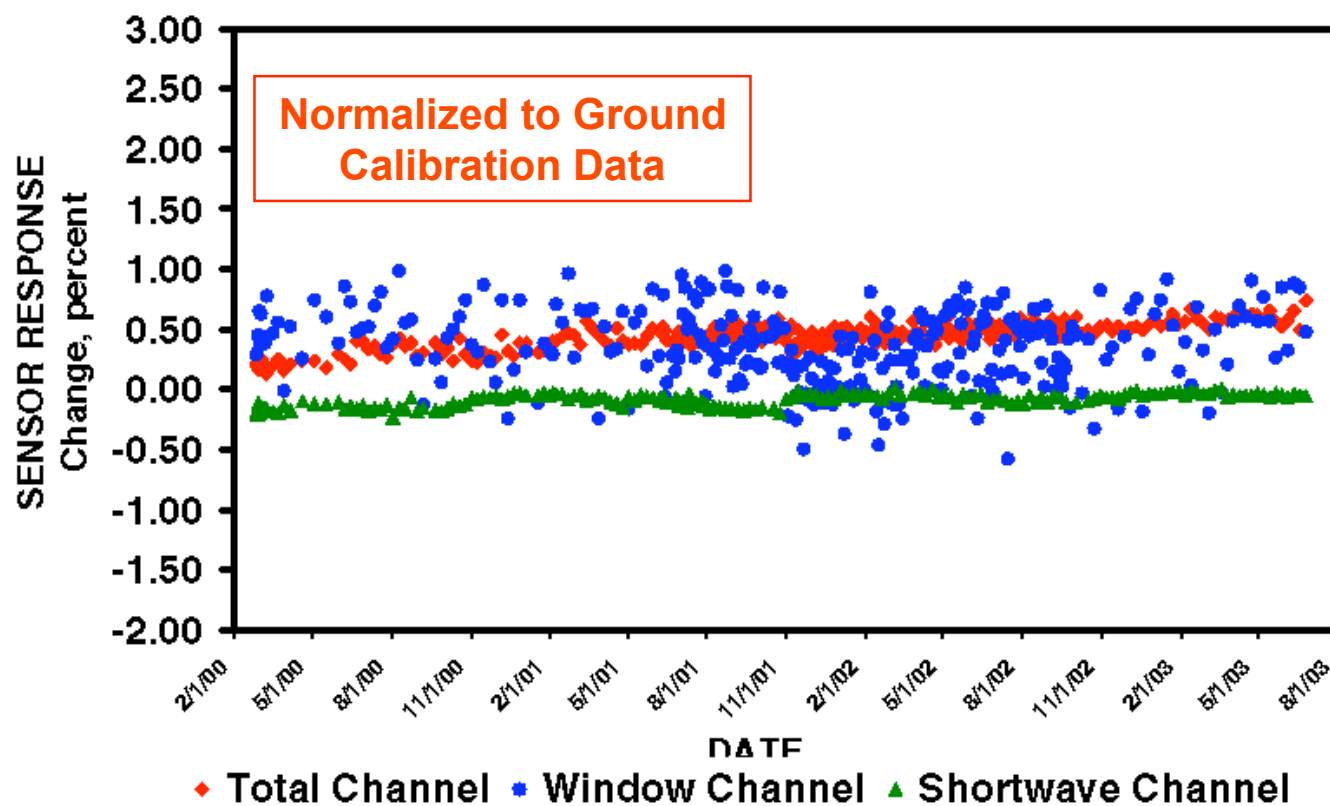
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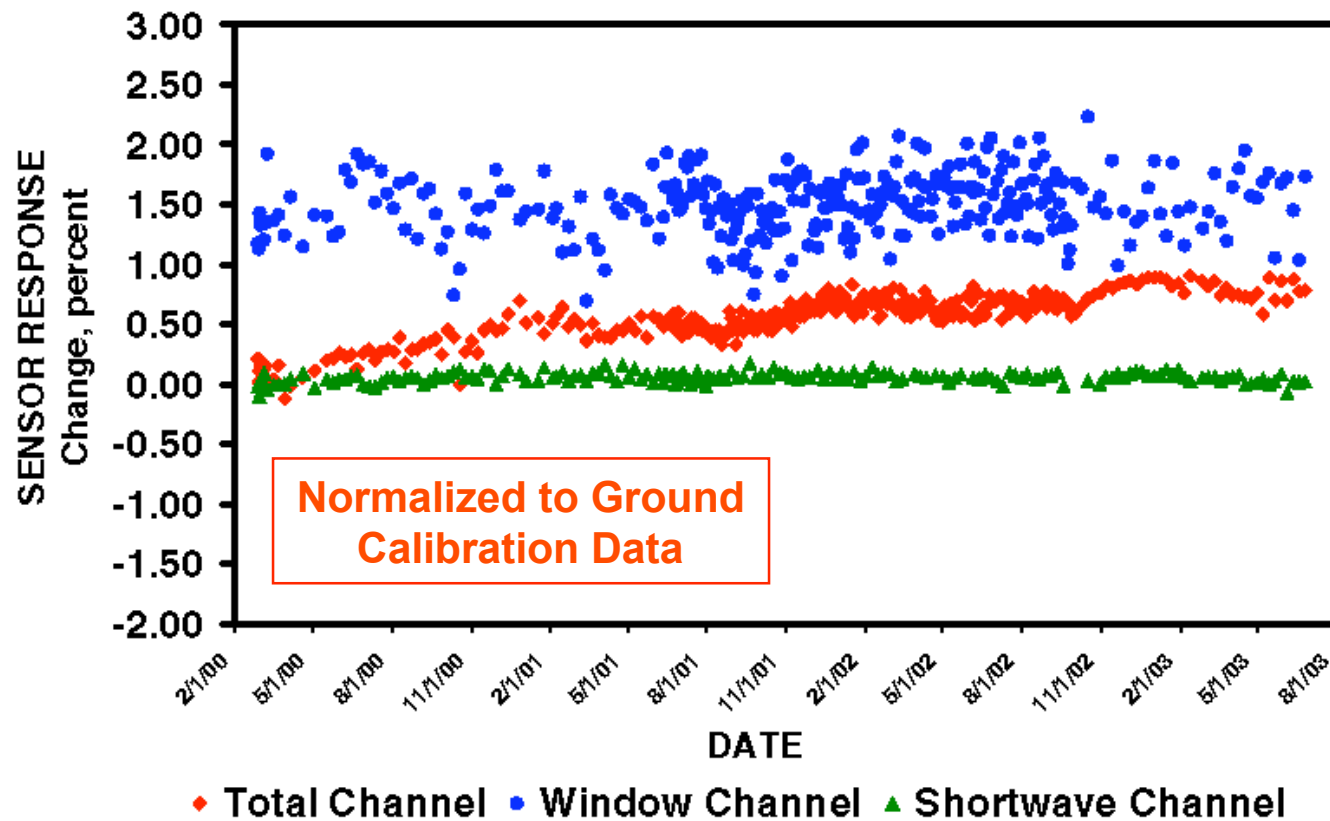
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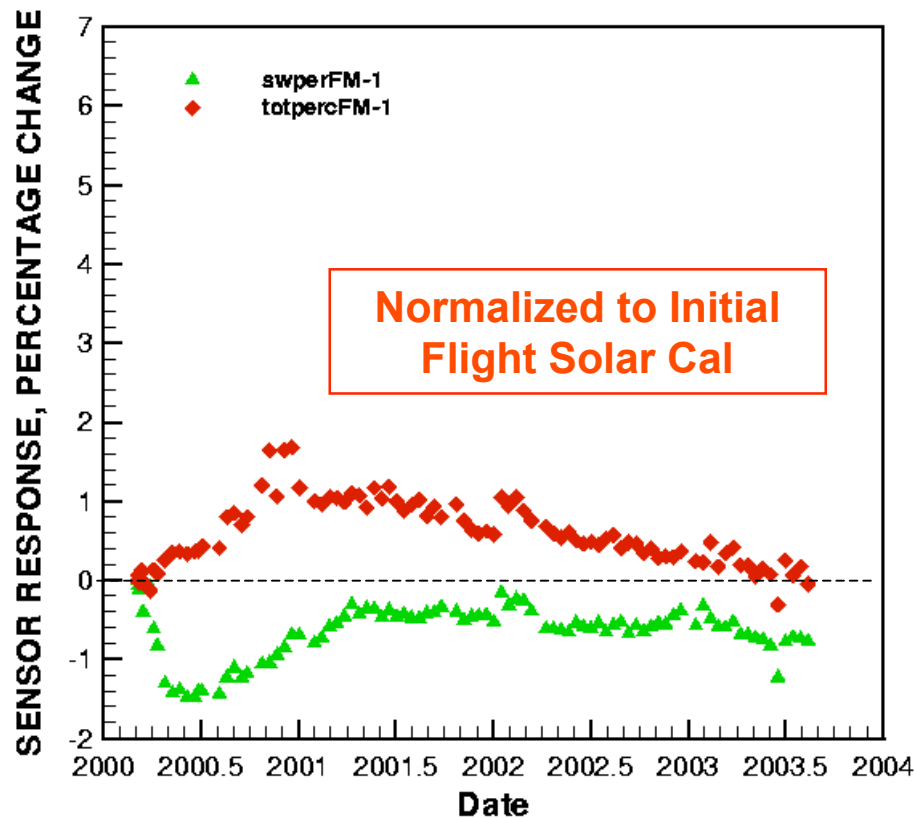
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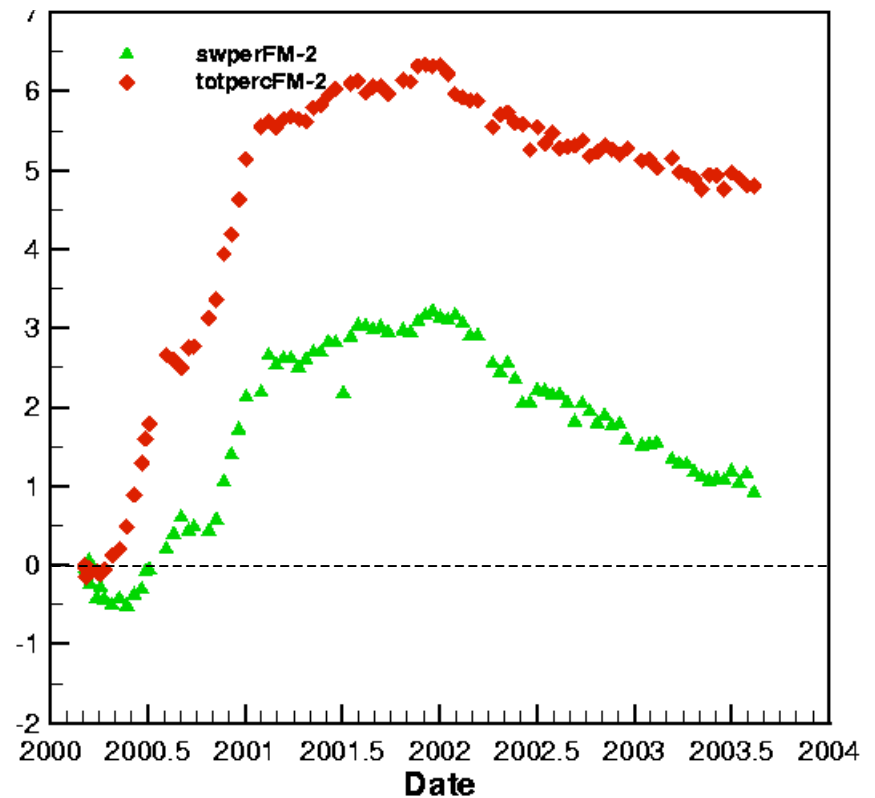
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On-Orbit Radiometric Stability

Determined with the Mirror Attenuator Mosaic (MAM)



FM 1

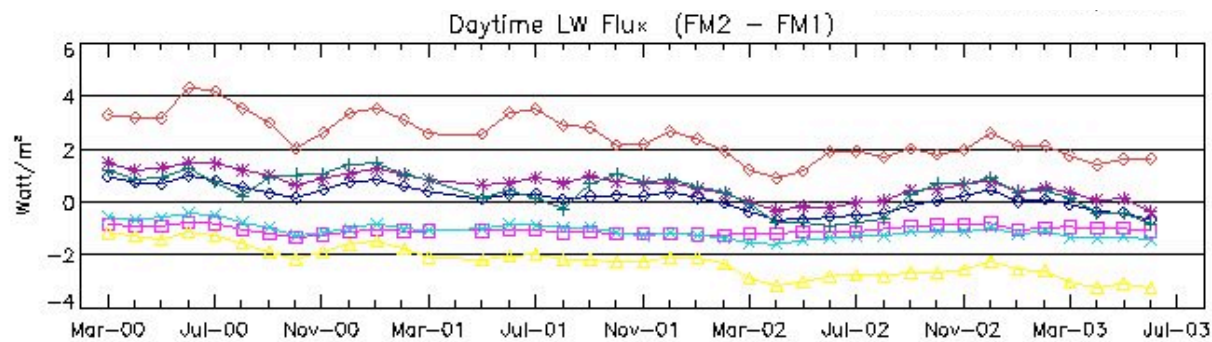


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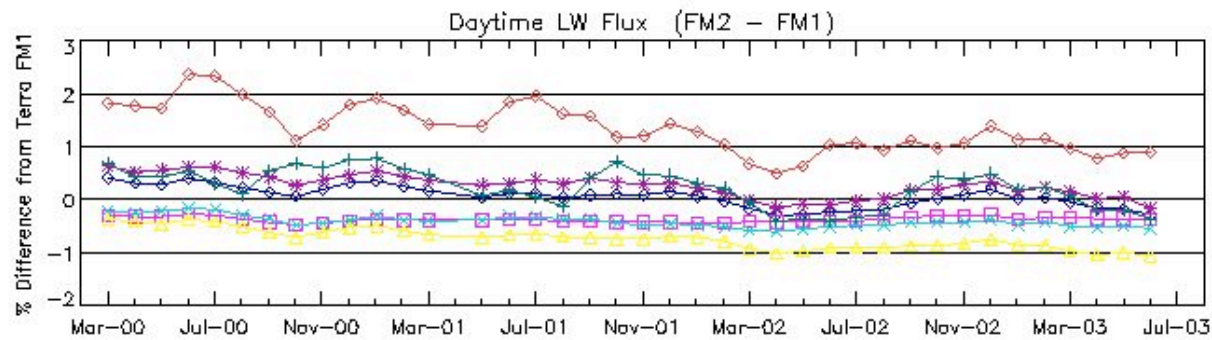
Terra Direct Comparison

Edition2 Daytime LW Flux

Co-located Nadir Measurements



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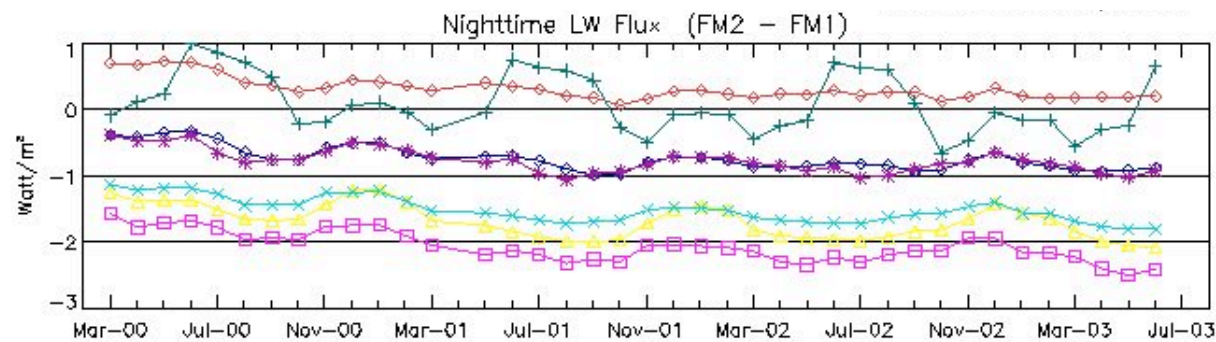
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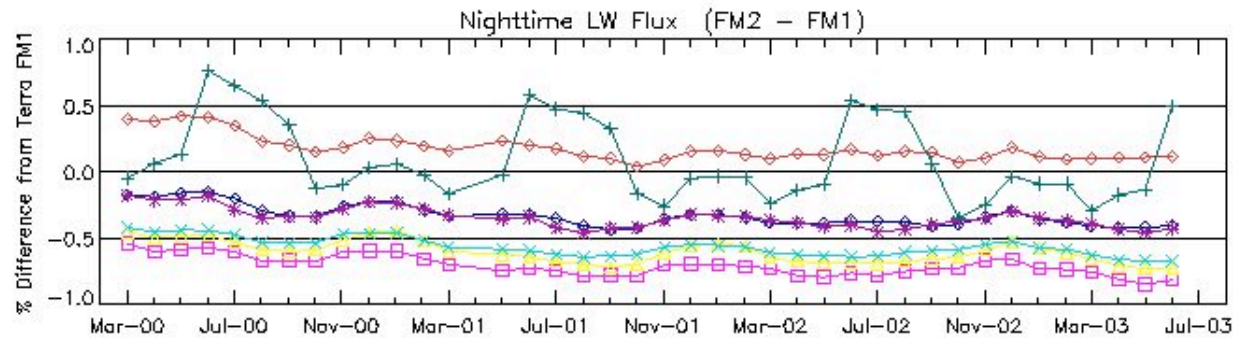
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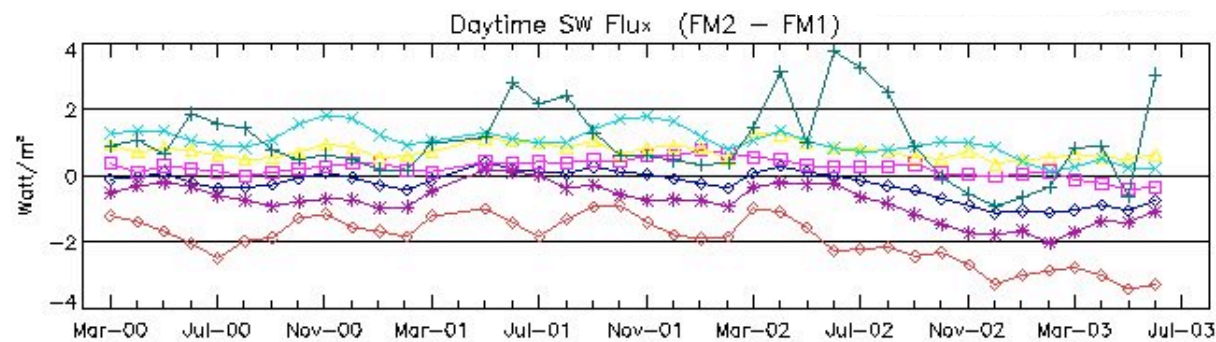
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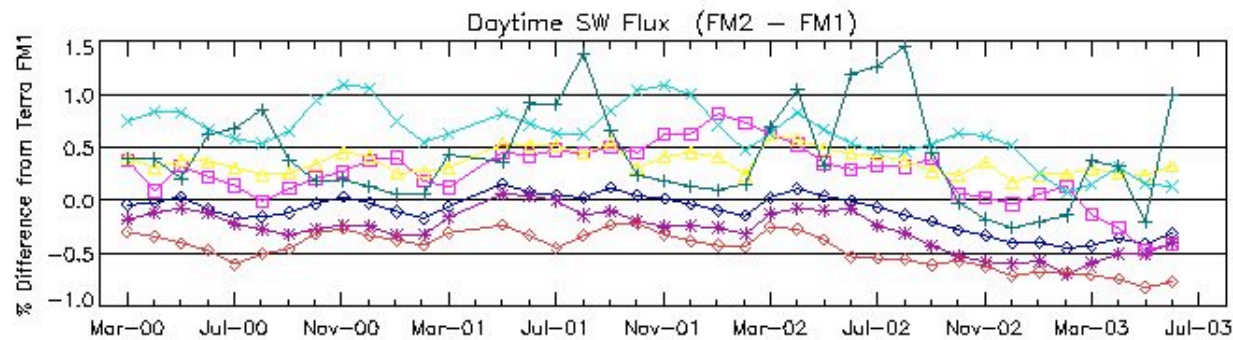
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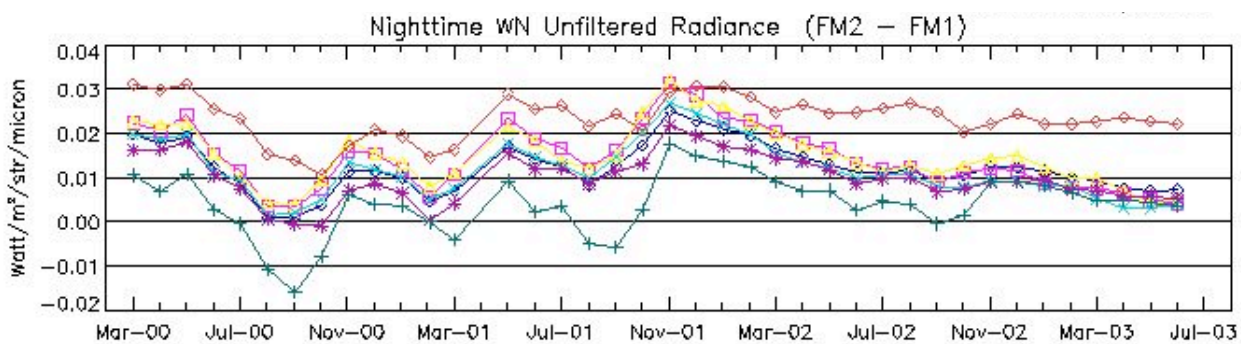
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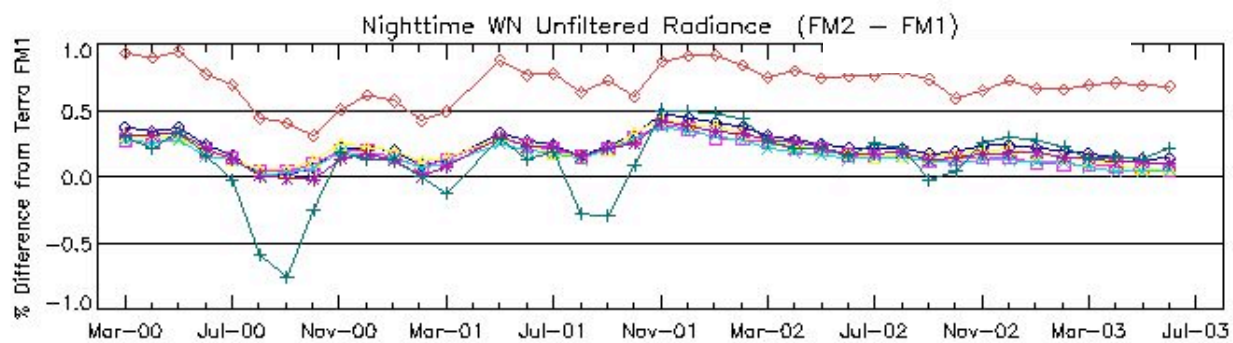
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Co-located Nadir Measurements



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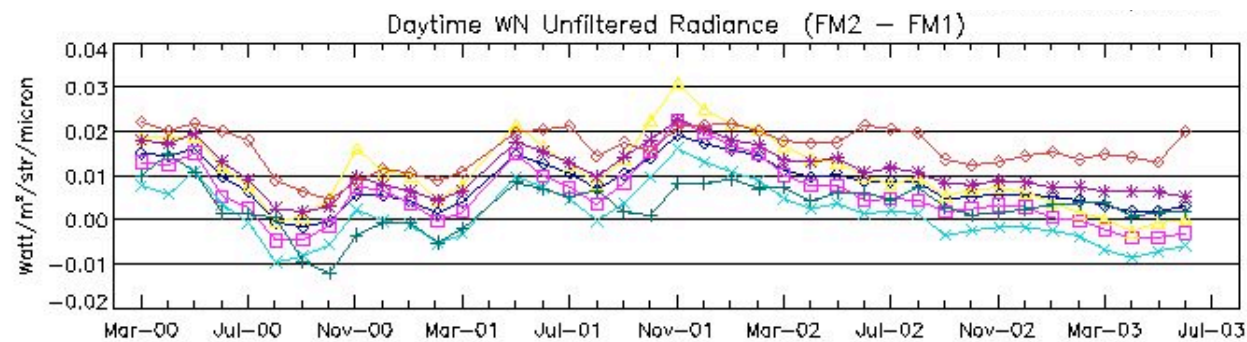
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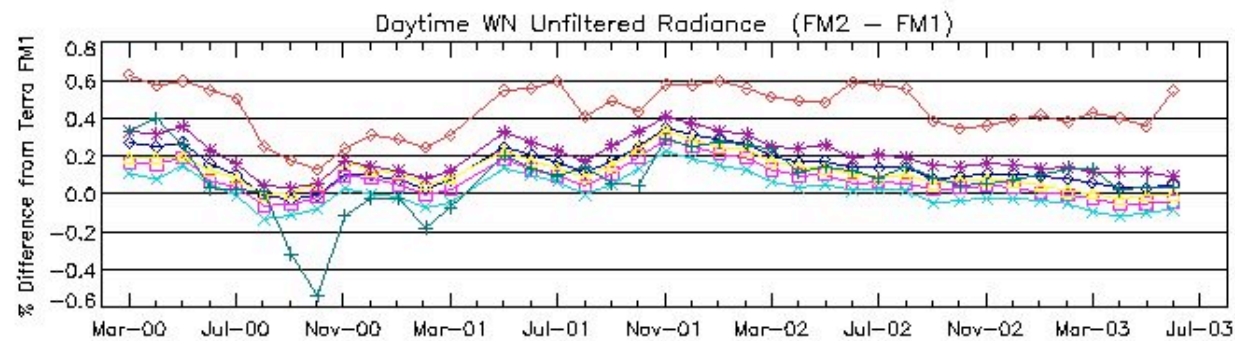
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**Absolute
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**Percent
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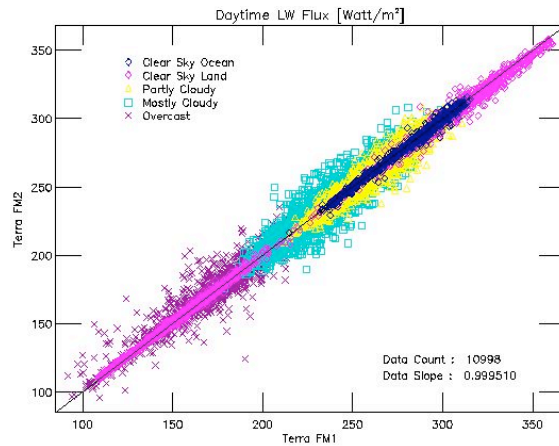
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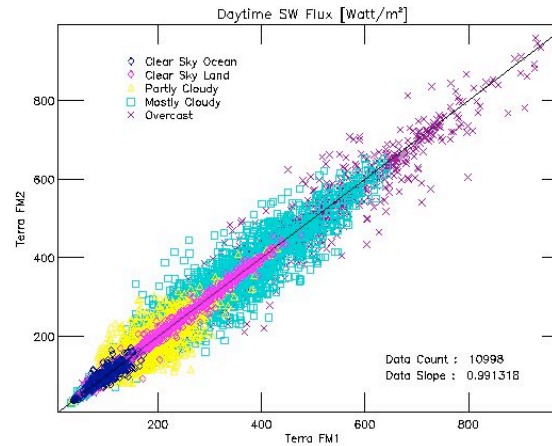
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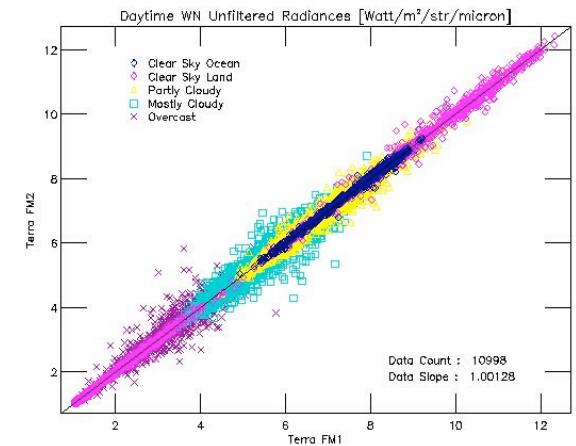
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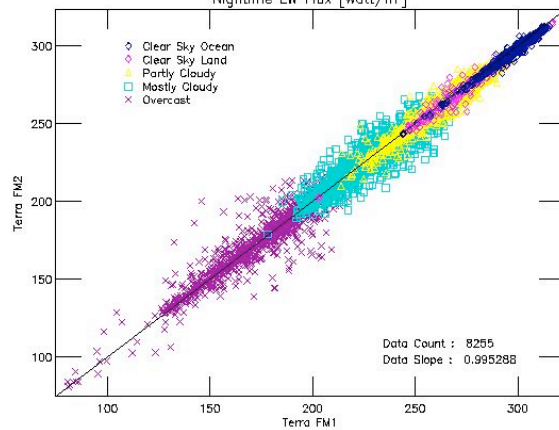
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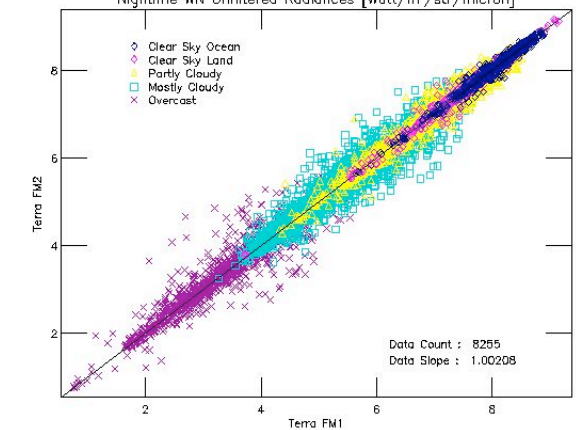
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Nighttime LW Flux [Watt/m²]



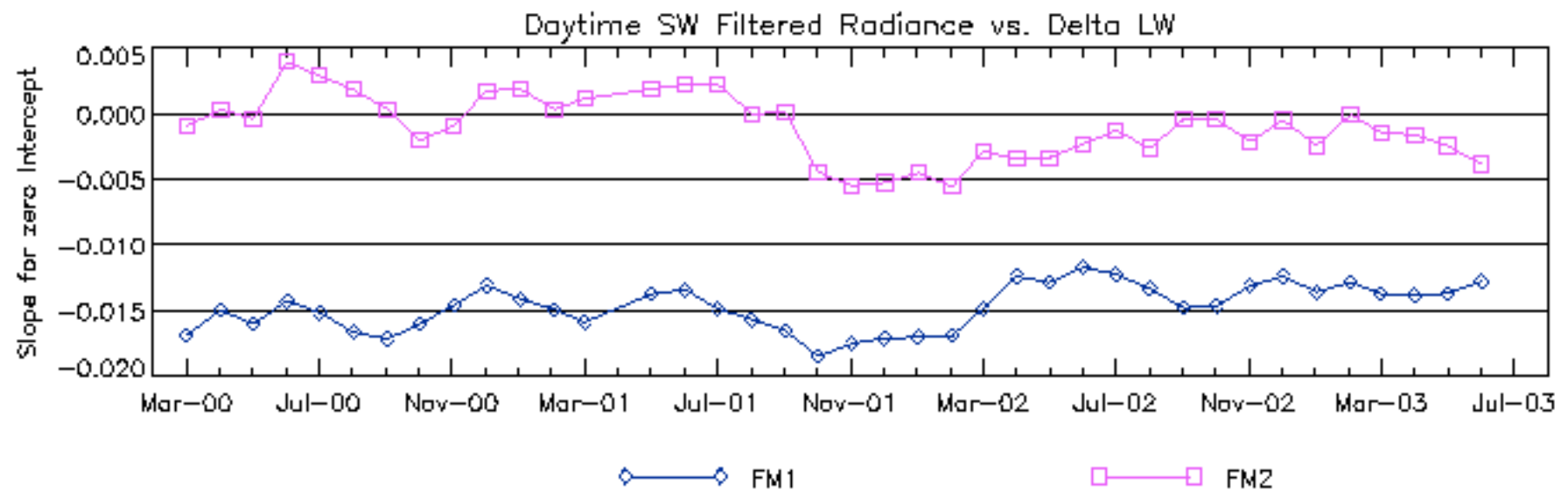
Nighttime WN Unfiltered Radiances [Watt/m²/str/micron]



3-Channel Intercomparison

Monthly Unfiltering %-Error

Edition2

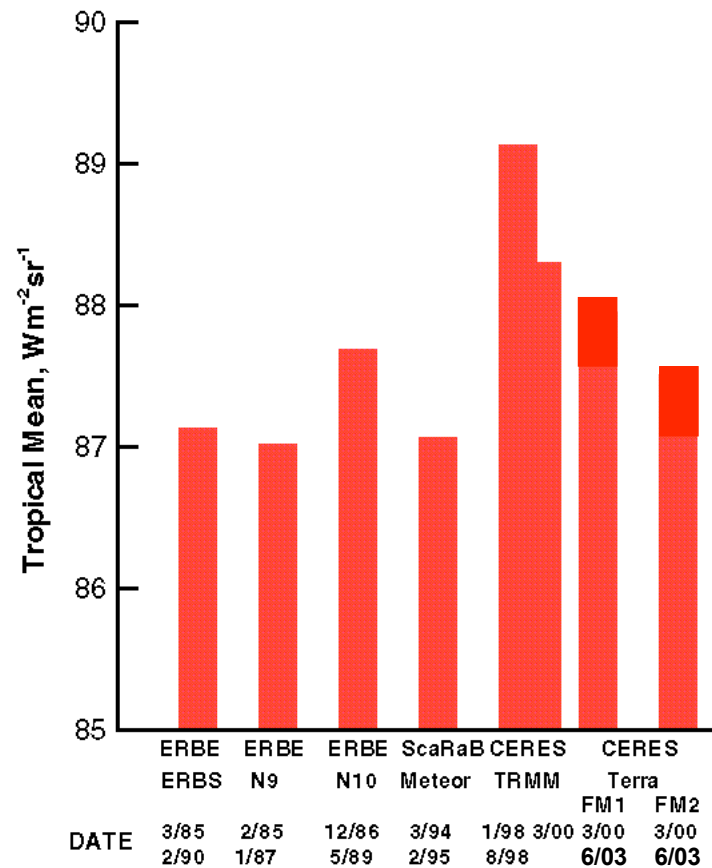


Tropical Mean Statistic

Tropical Ocean All Sky

Terra Ed2, Aqua Ed1

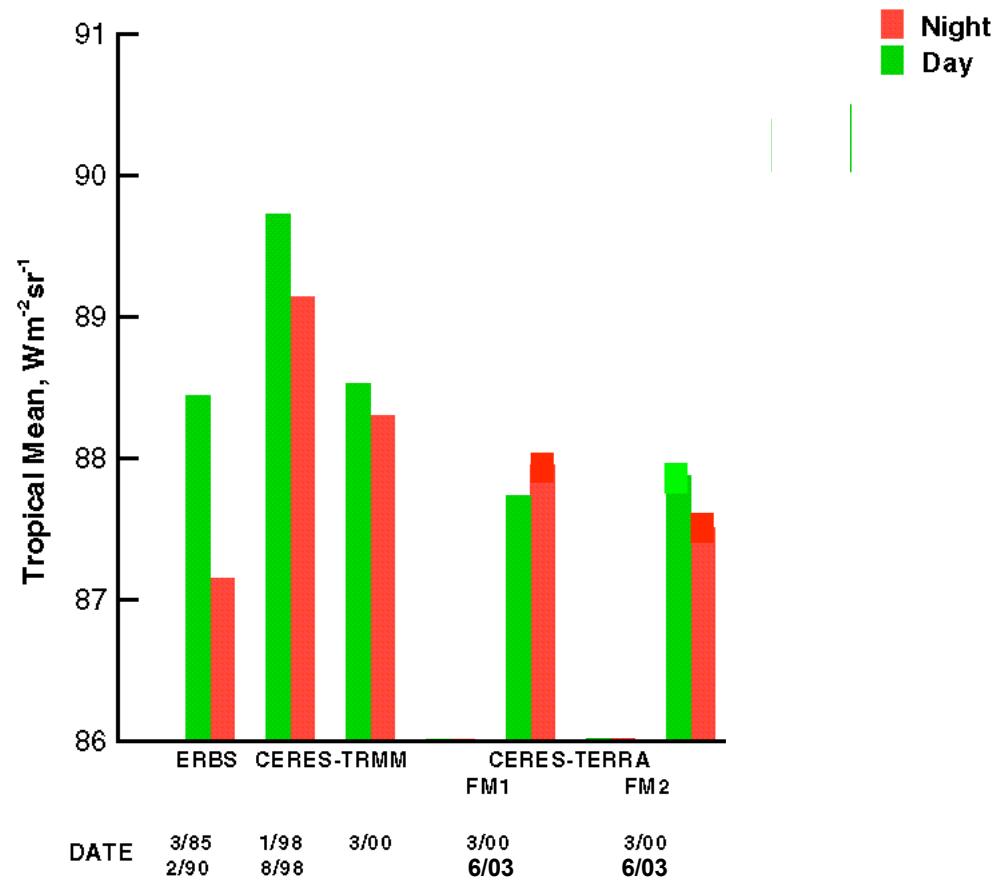
Tropical Mean At Night (Total Sensor)



Tropical Mean Statistic

Tropical Ocean All Sky

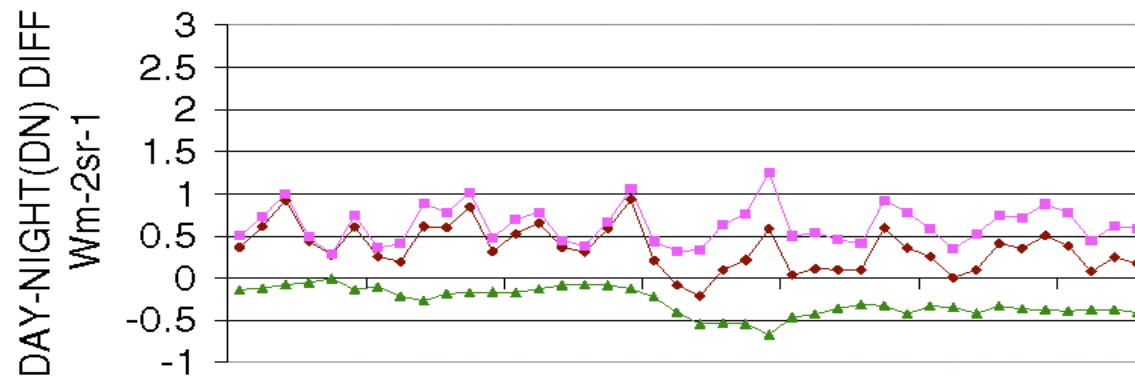
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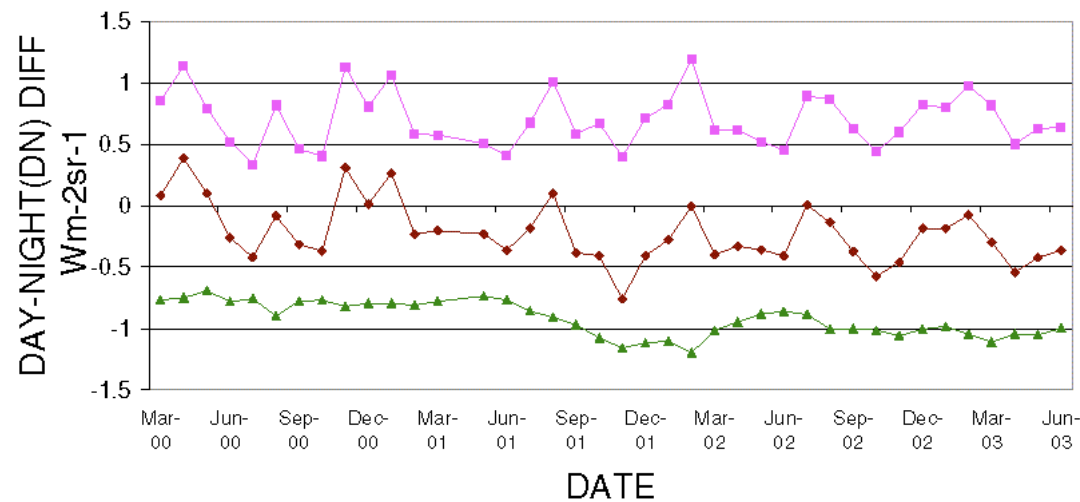
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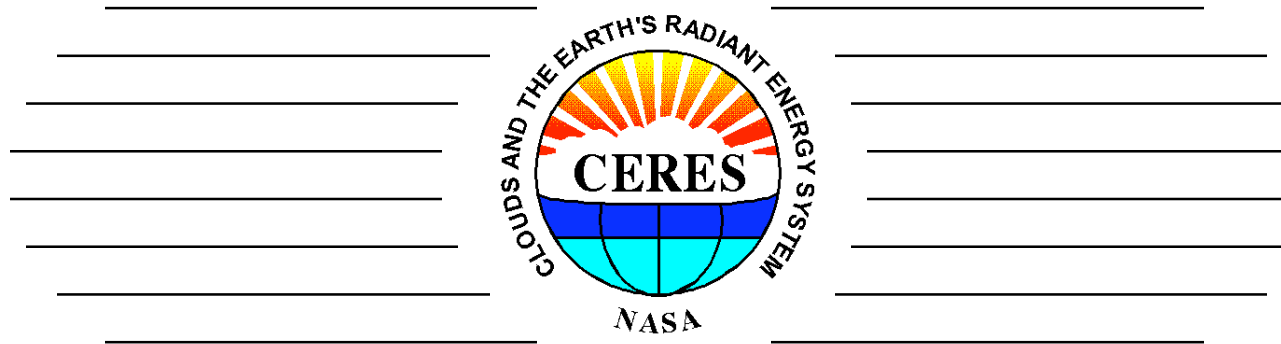
Flight Model 2



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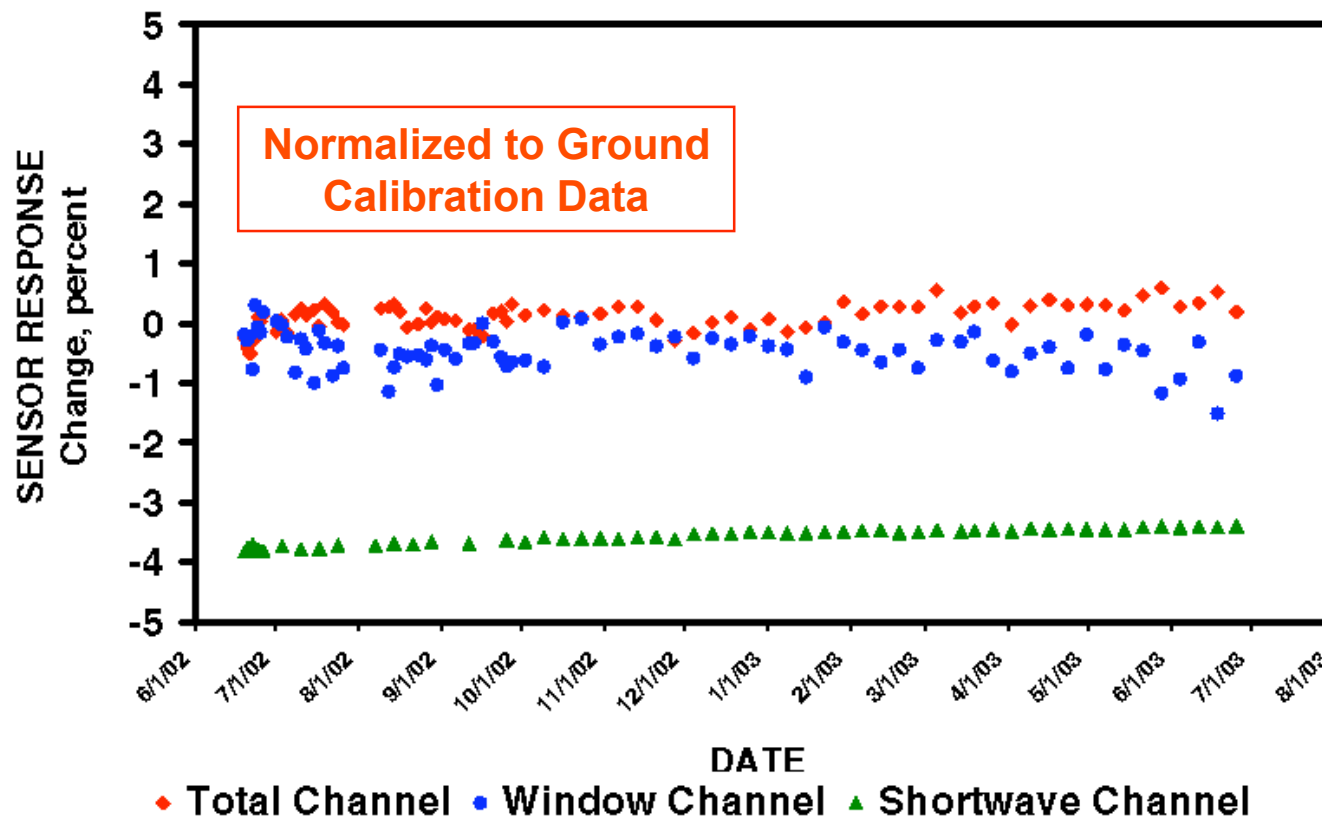
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Aqua/Flight Model 3

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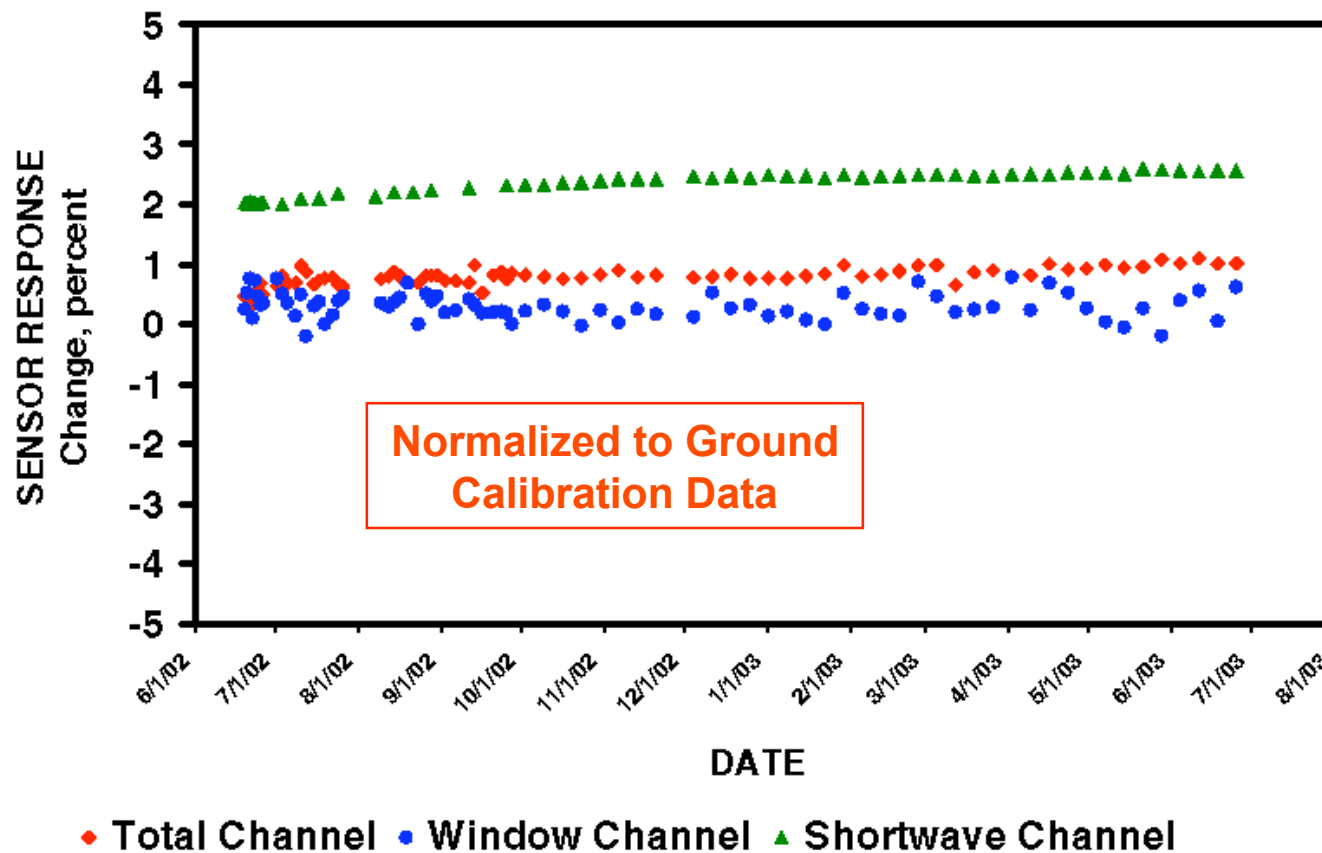
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Aqua/Flight Model 4

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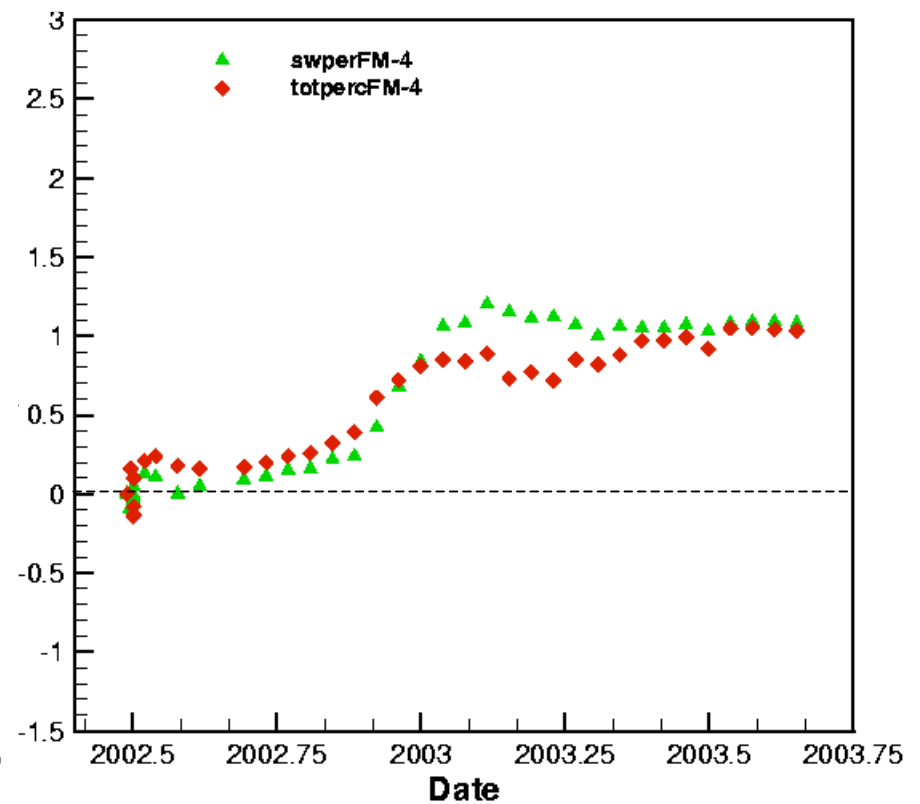
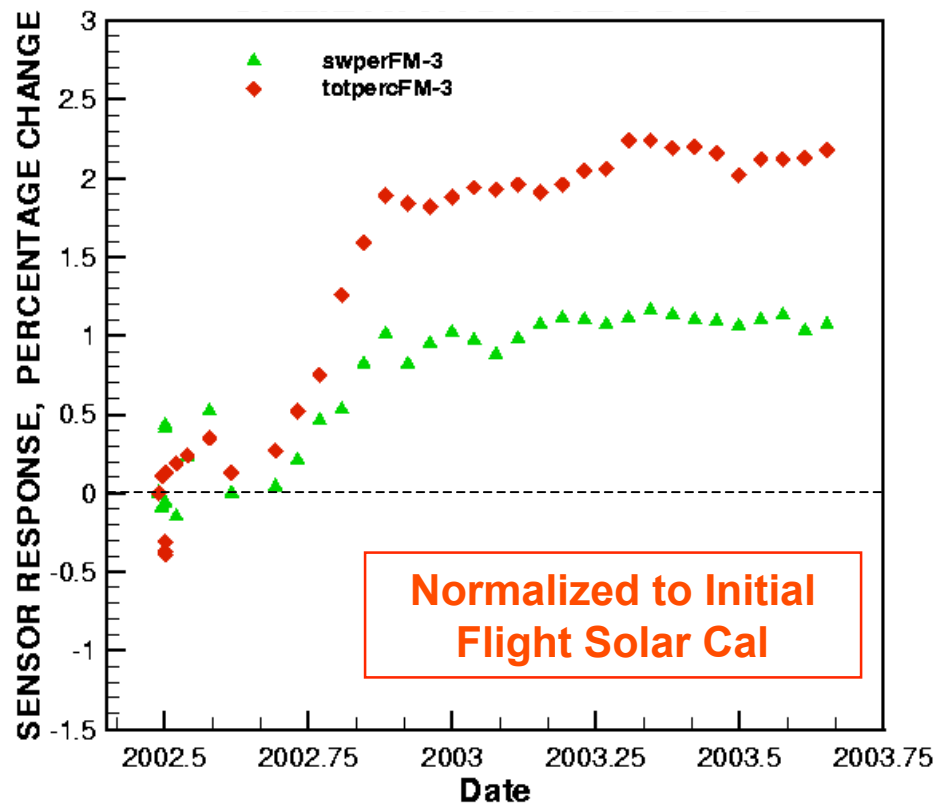
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Aqua/Flight Model 3 & 4

On-Orbit Radiometric Stability

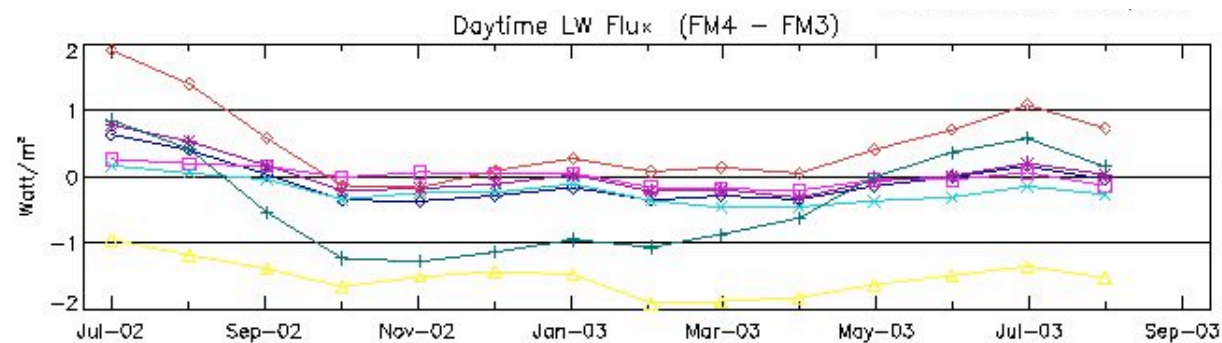
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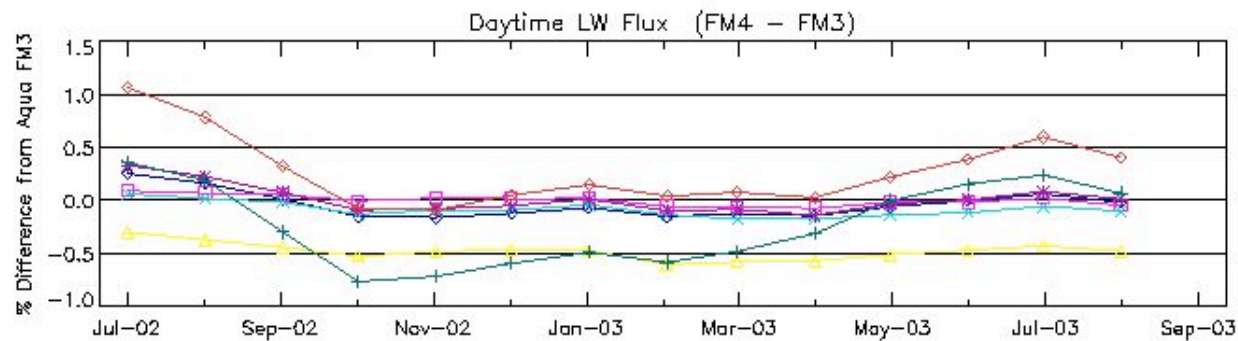
Aqua Direct Comparison

Edition1 Daytime LW Flux

co-located nadir measurements



**Absolute
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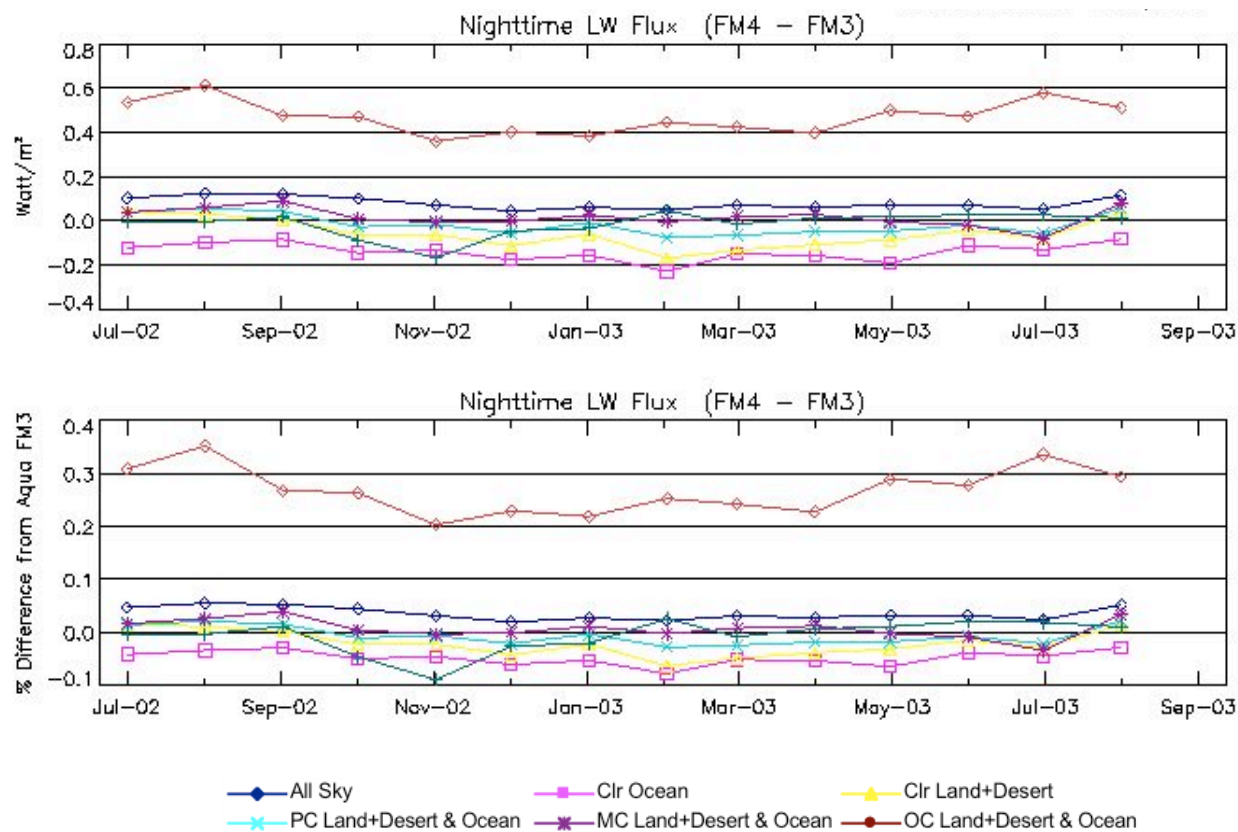
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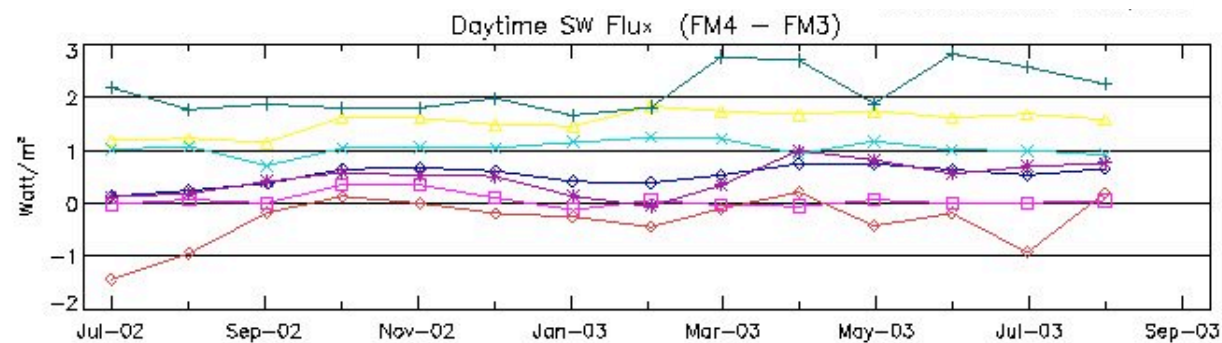
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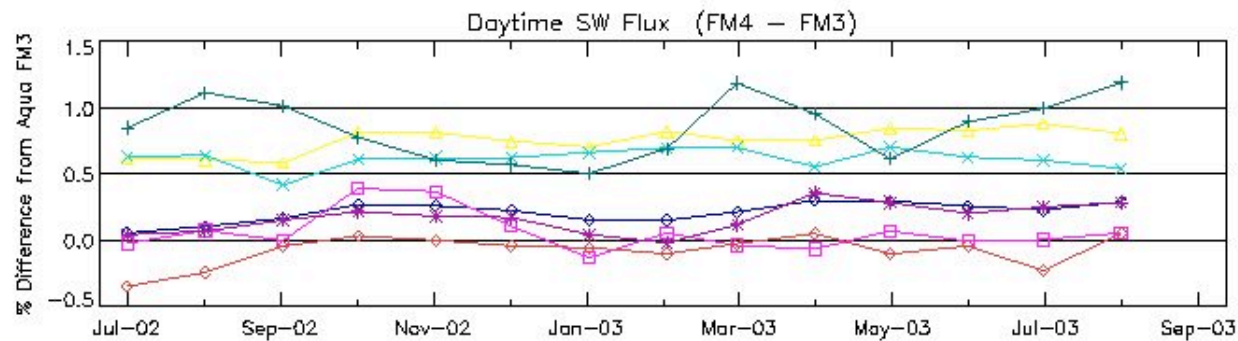
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Edition1 SW Flux

Co-located nadir measurements



**Absolute
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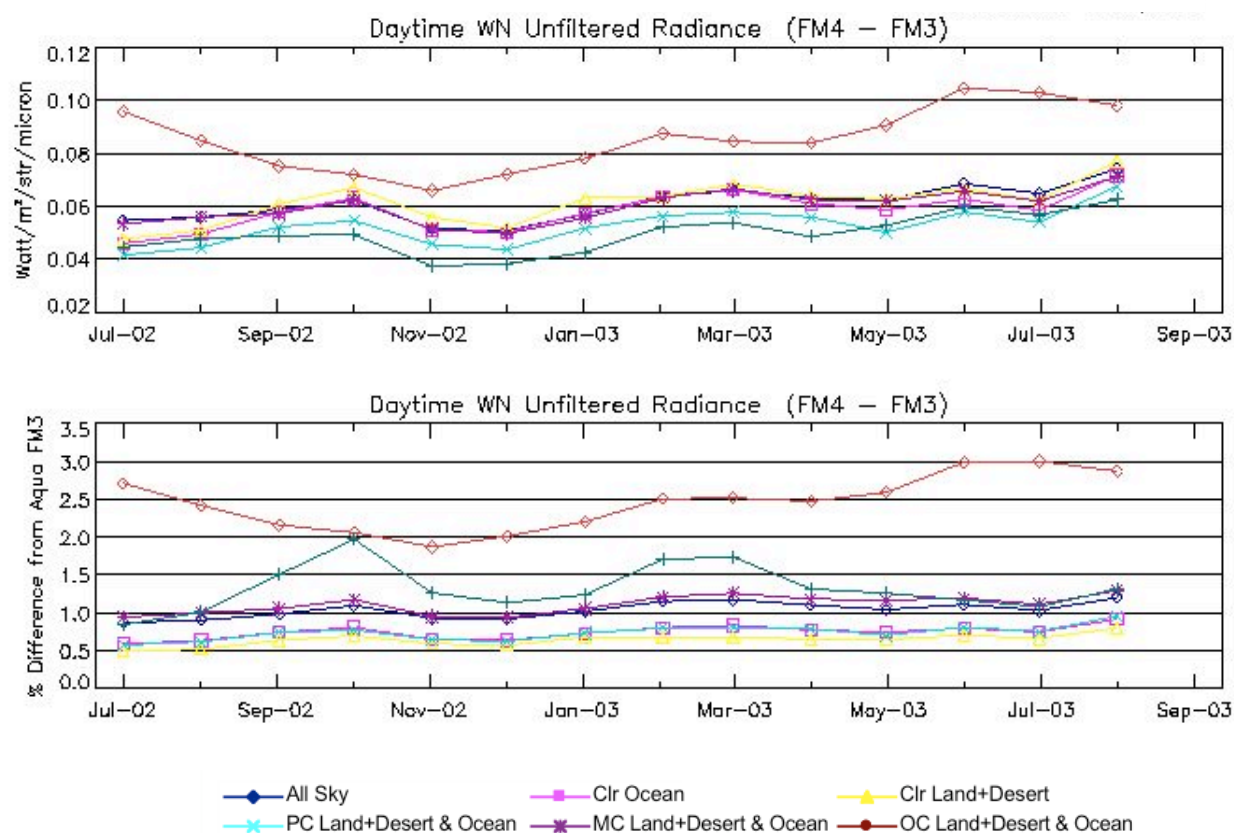
**Percent
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Aqua Direct Comparison

Edition1 Daytime WN Radiance

Co-located nadir measurements



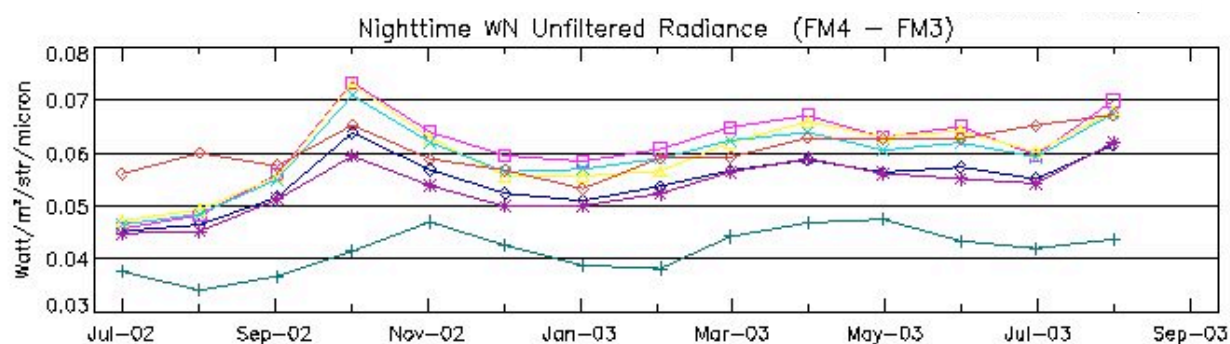
**Absolute
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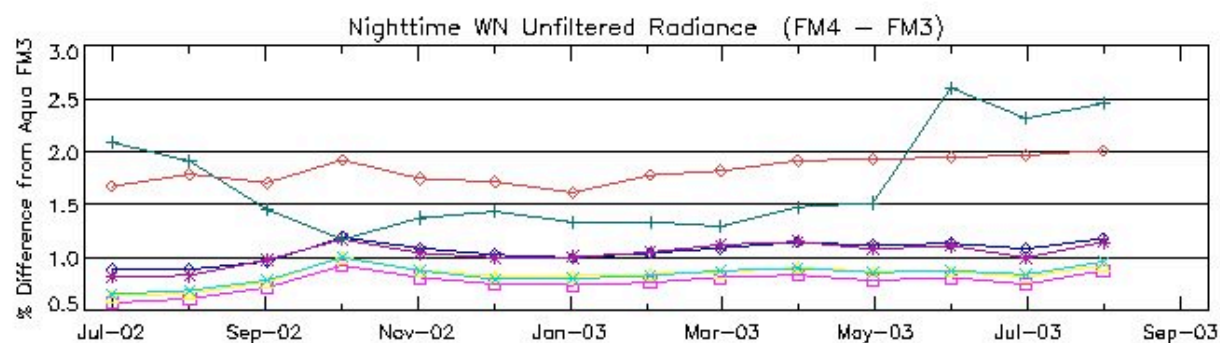
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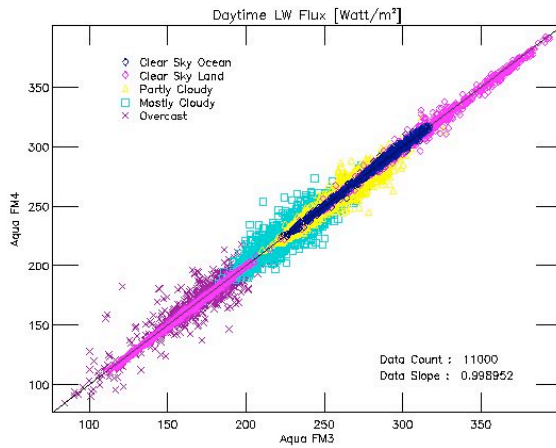
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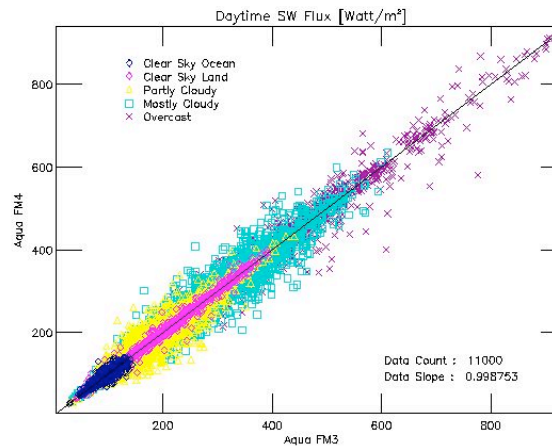
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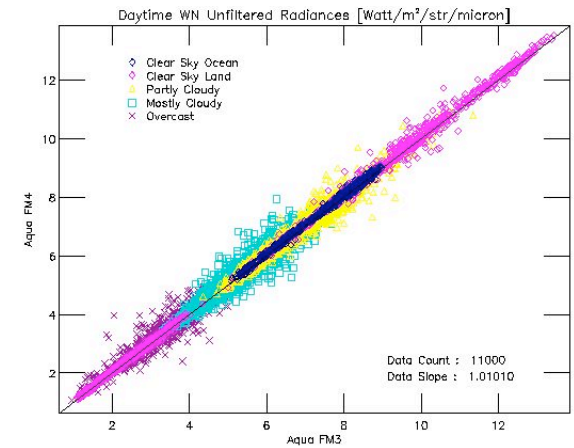
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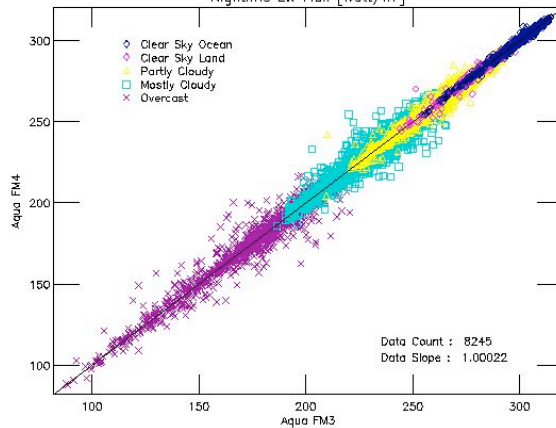
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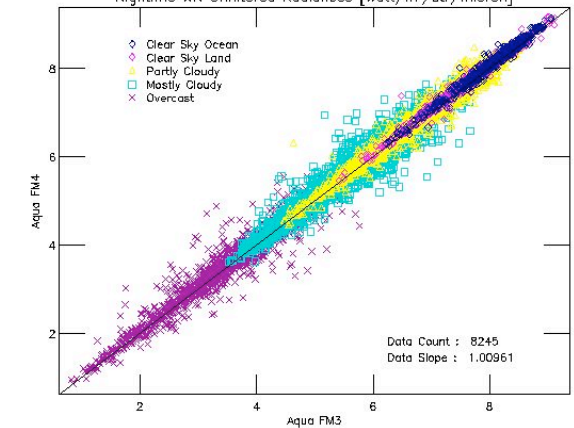
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Nighttime LW Flux [Watt/m²]



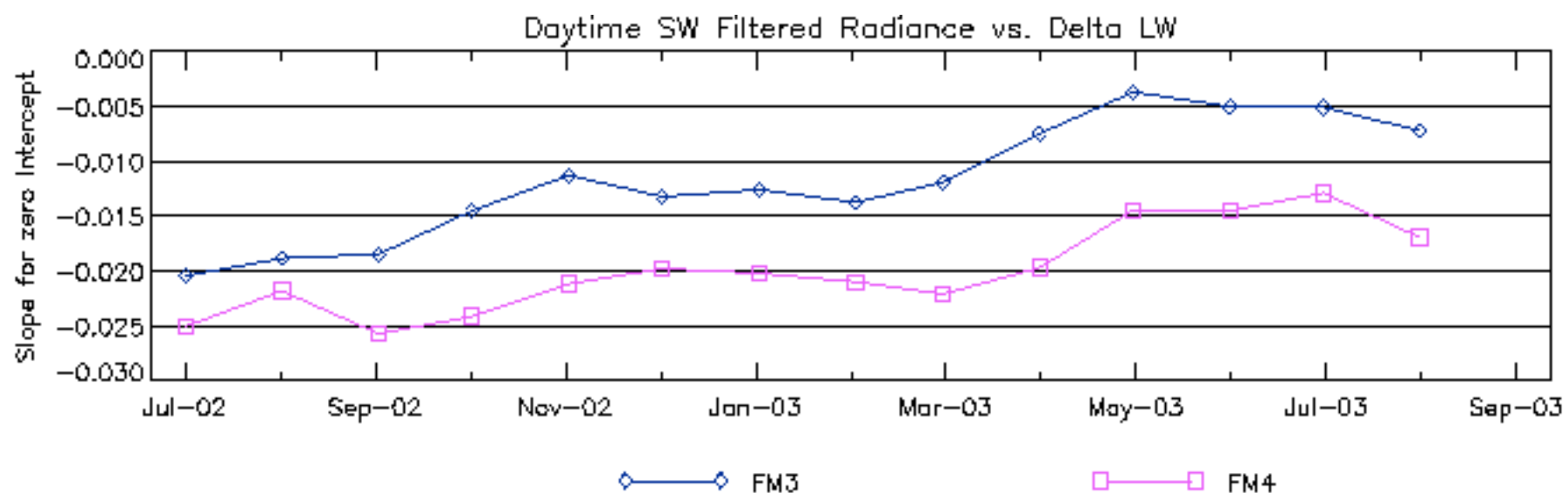
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Aqua Three Channel Inter-Comparison

Monthly Unfiltering %-Error

Edition1

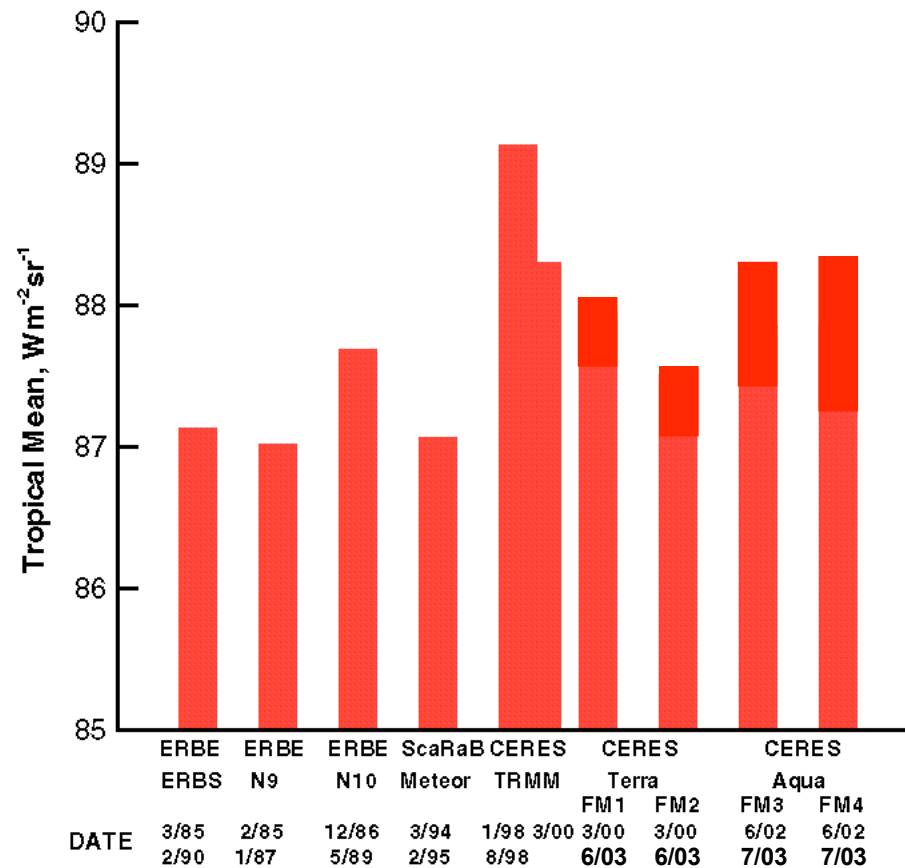


Tropical Mean Statistic

Tropical Ocean All Sky

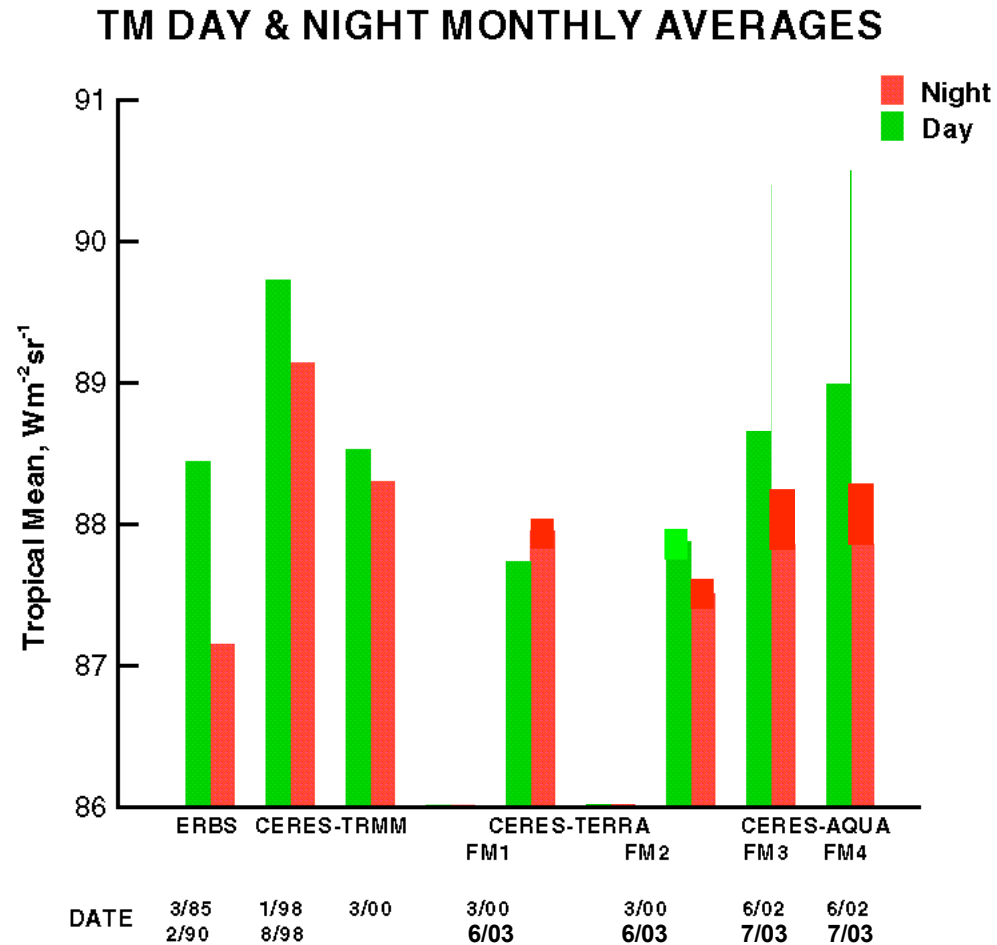
Terra Ed2, Aqua Ed1

Tropical Mean At Night (Total Sensor)



Tropical Mean Statistic

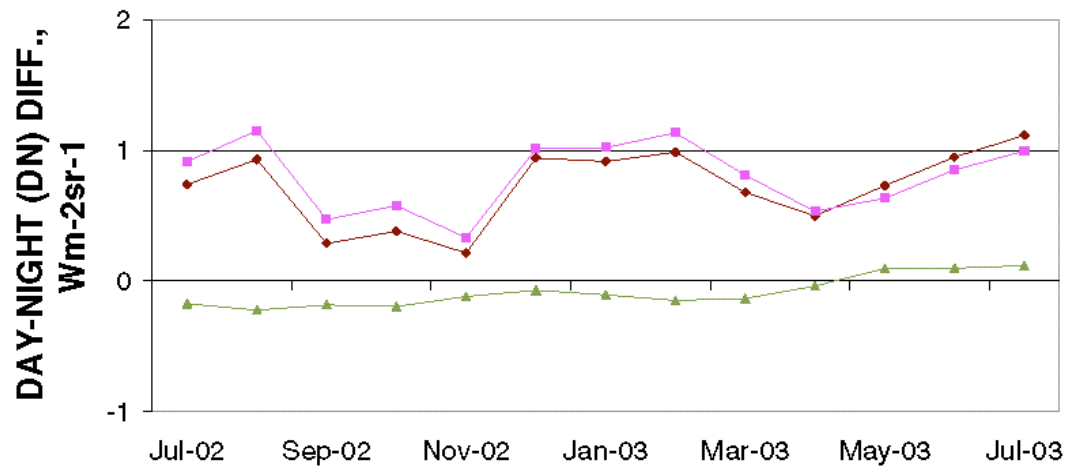
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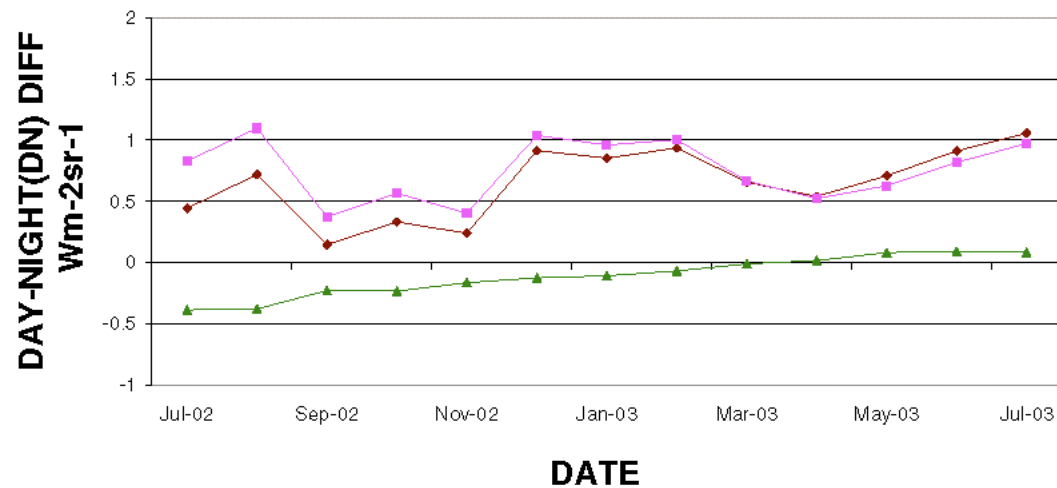
FM3, Tropical Mean Self Consistency

Tropical Ocean, All Sky

Day-Night Differences



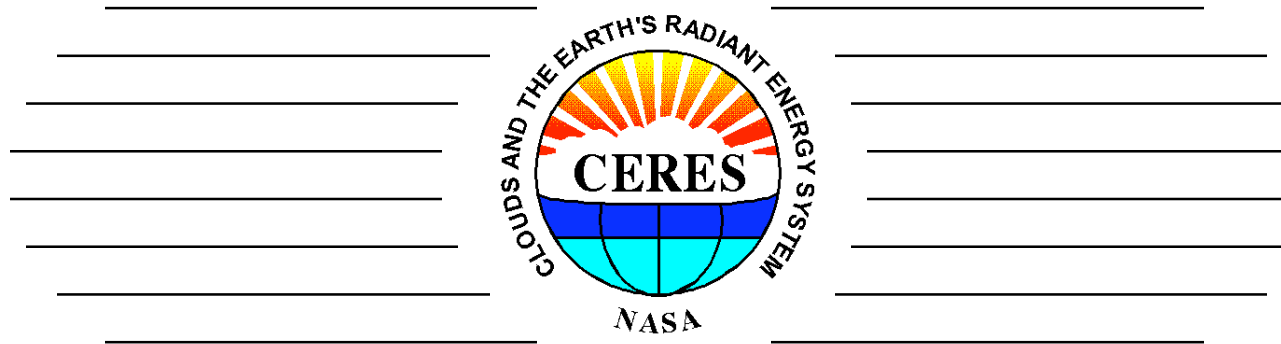
Flight Model 4



Flight Model 3

—●— DN (TOT-SW) —■— DN (LW REGR) —▲— DN DIFF.

Terra/Aqua Intercalibration



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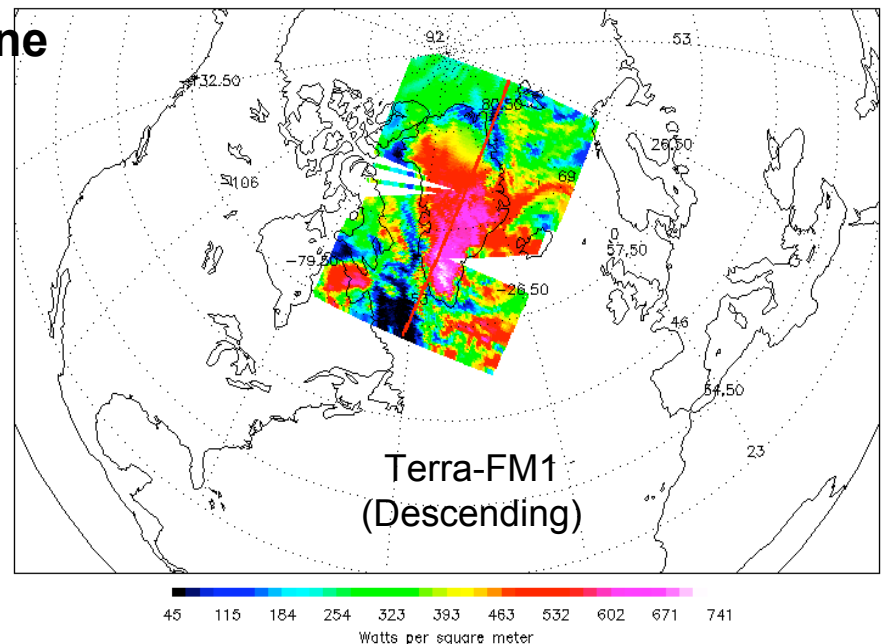
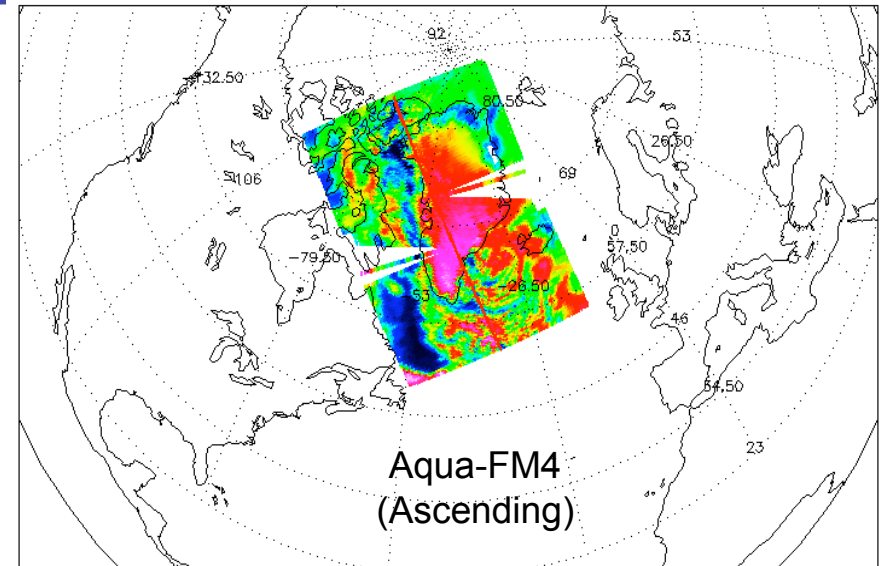
Terra/aqua Inter-Calibration Over Greenland

Strategy

- FM1 and FM4 instruments were utilized
- Orbits intersect at 69.5 deg
- Temporal matching <15 mins
- VZA matched within 10 deg
- Scan planes set orthog. to principal plane
- Data collected for 5-deg lat. Swath
- About 90 sec of data per orbit

Campaigns

- 07/04-08/22, 2002
 - 600 orbital crossings
- 06/13 - 06/29, 2003
 - 250 orbital crossings



Terra/Aqua Zonal Inter-Calibration

Direct Comparison of radiances

- Difference of averages

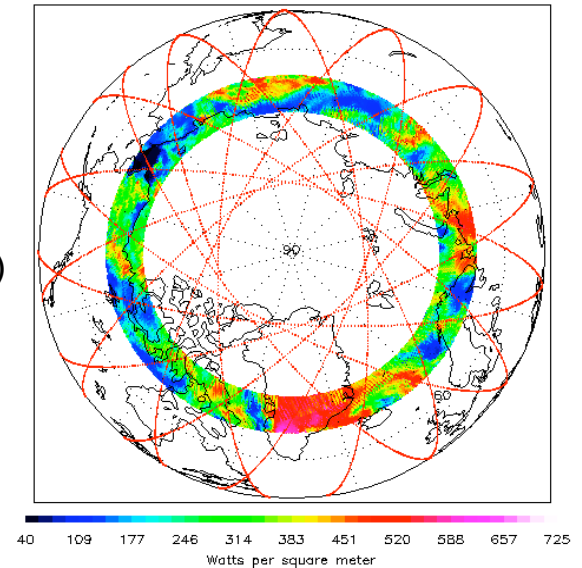
Spatial noise dominates

- Averaging over $1^\circ \times 1^\circ$ grid-boxes
- At least 20 footprints or 75% of area covered

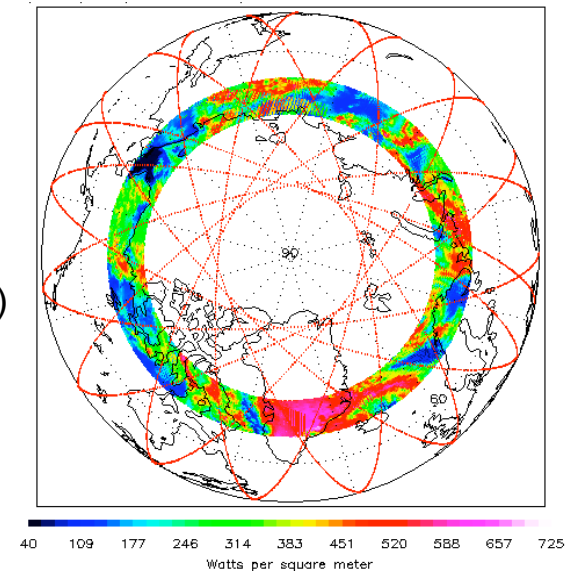
Matching Geometry

- 10° tolerance for viewing zenith angles
- 20° tolerance for relative azimuth for SW

Terra-FM1
(Descending)



Aqua-FM4
(Ascending)



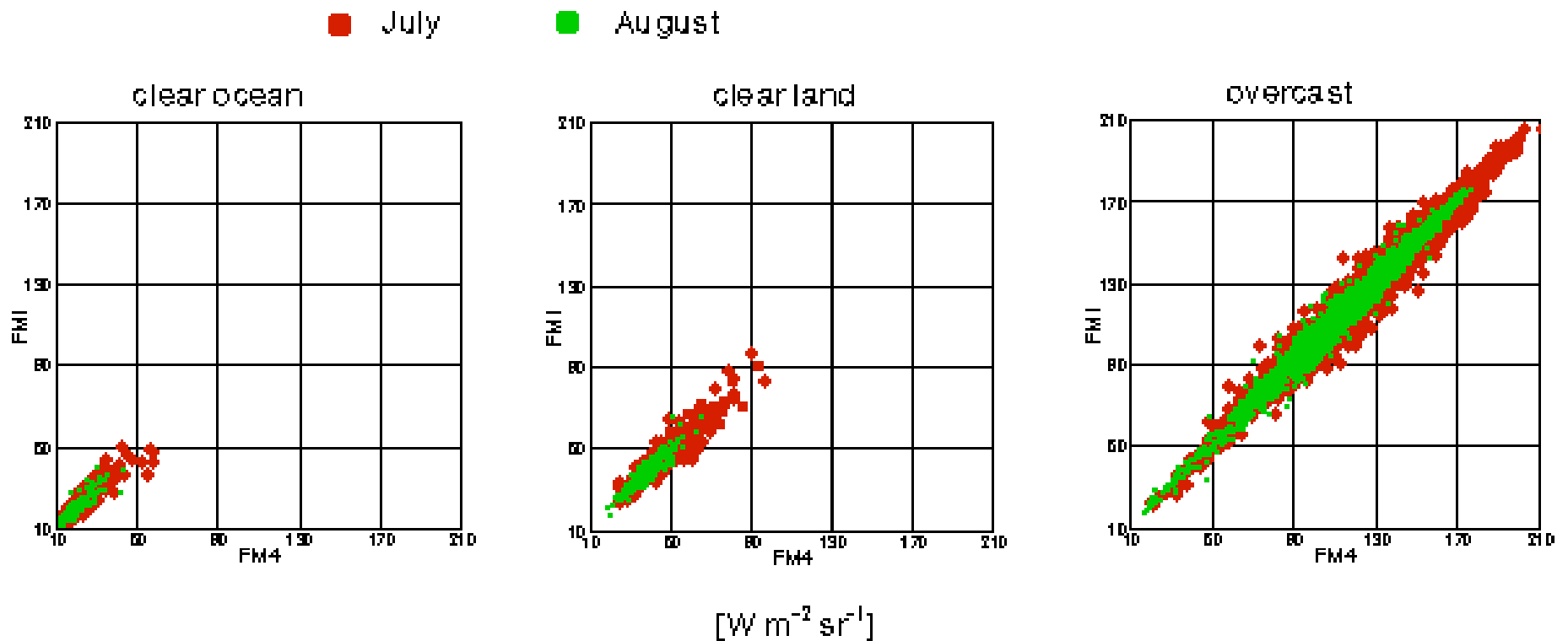
Statistics

Direct comparison of radiances:

- Each orbital crossing is an independent sample
- Difference computed over a grid-box and orbital crossing
- Uncertainty estimated using a 95% confidence level

\square – test:
$$\square = \frac{t_{\square/2} \square}{\sqrt{N}}$$

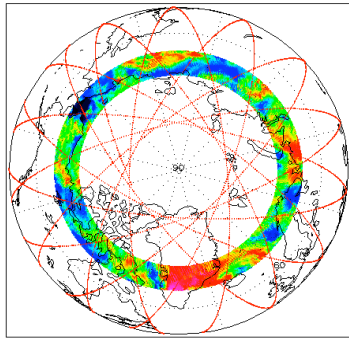
Shortwave radiances



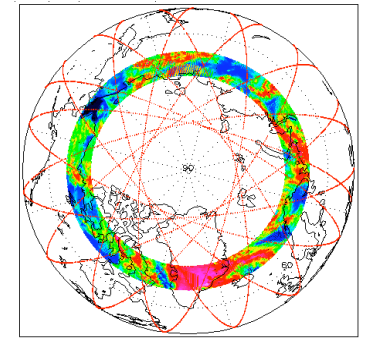
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FM1 and FM4 Zonal Comparison

2002



Terra-FM1
(Descending)



Aqua-FM4
(Ascending)

	Mean	Abs Diff	% Diff	σ	n	χ^2 -test
SW	88.6	-0.36	-0.4	0.74	508	0.08
LW_{day}	76.7	0.54	0.7	0.18	508	0.02
LW_{night}	55.1	0.06	0.1	0.10	527	0.01
WN_{day}	5.5	0.05	0.9	0.03	508	0.00
WN_{night}	3.0	0.03	1.0	0.01	527	0.00

All units in $\text{W/m}^2/\text{sr}$
Diff = FM4 - FM1

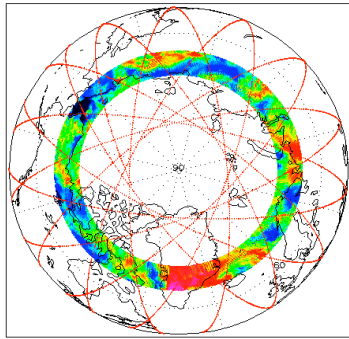
Mean = FM4

Data Products: FM1 - Edition2
FM4 - Edition1

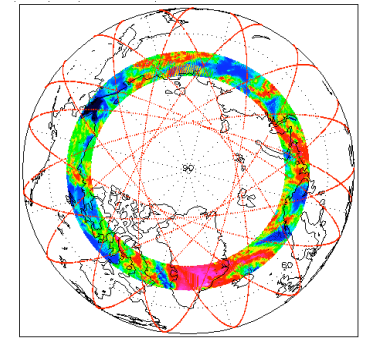
Terra/Aqua Intercalibration

FM1 and FM4 Zonal Comparison

2003



Terra-FM1
(Descending)



Aqua-FM4
(Ascending)

	Mean	Abs Diff	% Diff	σ	n	χ^2 -test
SW	92.5	-0.56	-0.6	0.69	236	0.1
LW_{day}	78.4	1.48	1.9	0.31	236	0.1
LW_{night}	55.8	0.13	0.2	0.10	242	0.00
WN_{day}	5.6	0.04	0.7	0.03	236	0.01
WN_{night}	3.1	0.03	0.9	0.01	242	0.01

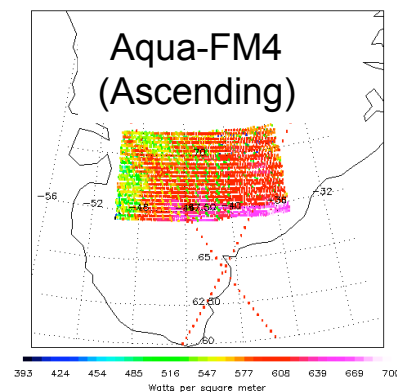
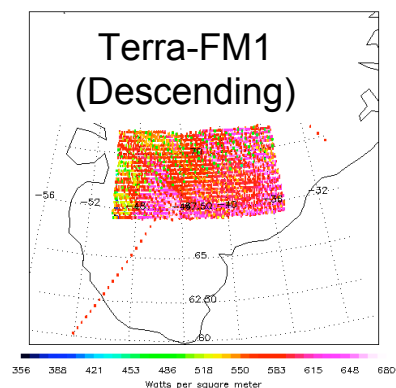
All units in $\text{W/m}^2/\text{sr}$
Diff = FM4 - FM1

Mean = FM4

Data Products: FM1 - Edition2
FM4 - Edition1

Terra/Aqua Intercalibration

FM1 and FM4 Regional (Greenland) Comparison



	Mean	Abs Diff	% Diff	σ	n	χ^2 -test
SW (2002)	159.1	0.24	0.15	1.05	72	0.3
SW (2003)	163.1	-0.32	-0.2	0.57	25	0.1

All units in $W/m^2/sr$
Diff = FM4 - FM1

Mean = FM4

Data Products: FM1 - Edition2
FM4 - Edition1

Conclusions

- Validation procedure for FM1 and FM4 was shown to be well planned and executed
- Data analysis fully demonstrated the 1% consistency in radiance measurements in 2002
- Daytime long-wave difference has grown to 1.9 % in 2003
- CERES instruments have delivered a high quality radiation budget data set since 1998

CERES Cal/Val Summary

Terra

- Edition2 BDS and ERBE-like products available through 12/02
- Factor of 5 improvement in stability & bias for SW and LWday Ed2 products
- Unprecedented stability levels of $\sim 0.1\%/yr$ for CERES climate record

Aqua

- Edition1 BDS products available
- Edition1 ERBE-like products to be released by 6/03
- FM1 / FM4 intercalibrations allow Terra / Aqua instruments to be placed on same radiometric scale.
 - SW, LWnight agreement better than 0.4%
 - LWday agreement better than 0.7%
 - WN agreement better than 1.0%

Terra Edition 2 BDS and ERBE-Like Summary

3/00 - 2/01

Actions

Updated initial flight gains to account for shifts during launch.

Accounted for on-orbit drifts in detector responsivities, or gains.

Accounted for changes in spectral coloration of the SW/TOT channels

Results (for All-Sky cases, 3/00 - 12/02)

		LW _{day}		LW _{night}		SW		WN _{day}		WN _{night}	
		Ed2	Ed1	Ed2	Ed1	Ed2	Ed1	Ed2	Ed1	Ed2	Ed1
Stability	W/m ²	<.5	2.5	-	-	0.1	0.5	-	-	-	-
	%	<.2	1.0	-	-	<.1	.25	-	-	-	-
Bias	W/m ²	<1	***	.5	.8	<.1	1.0	.01	.06	.01	.05
	%	<.5	***	<.2	<.4	<.1	.25	0.2	1.0	0.2	1.0